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Evren vows to restore democratic rule in 1983

ANKARA, Dec. 30 (Agencies) — Turkey will return to democracy in the autumn of 1983 at the earliest or the spring of 1984 at the latest, the head of state, Gen. Kenan Evren, said Wednesday.

In a speech, Gen. Evren, head of the five-member National Security Council that toppled the government of Suleyman Demirel in September 1980, for the first time gave a time table for the return to civilian rule. In October, a constitutional assembly with 160 members was set up to prepare a new constitution.

Gen. Evren said Wednesday that if the assembly could complete and send to the Security Council a suitable draft bill by the summer of 1982, a referendum would be held by the end of November.

If voters approved the constitution, elections could be held in the autumn of 1983, provided there were in the meantime no "far-reaching international developments which might also affect Turkey." If it were not possible to adopt the constitution by the autumn of 1983, elections would have to be held in the spring of 1984 because, he said, they could not be held during the winter.

Gen. Evren did not say when political parties would be allowed to organize. He said 1981 has been a year of positive results on the economic front and that more progress had been made than in recent years.

European Economic Community officials meanwhile cautiously welcomed Evren's announcement of the timetable for return to democracy. But they said in Brussels it was too early to say whether Evren's statement might make it possible for the EEC to free aid payments to Turkey blocked earlier this month.

The EEC has made clear its annoyance at the suppression of civil liberties in a country which may eventually apply to join it. Payment of some \$650 million in aid was held up at the beginning of December in protest at the jailing of former Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit.

The Evren government has been under heavy pressure from West European governments to set a timetable on the return to democracy. "It is impossible to claim that full law and order has been achieved in the country in 1981," Evren said. "But, remembering the chaos that preceded our (military) operation we may say that relatively it was a tranquil year for the Turkish nation." Before the coup, political terrorism was claiming at least 25 lives a day in Turkey.

Evren stressed that hundreds of "youthful persons" had been rounded up by martial law authorities in a crackdown on political extremists. He said his government acted against underground organizations because failure to do so would lead to division and civil war in Turkey.

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Prince Fahd tours UPM

DHAHRAN, Dec. 30 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd visited the University of Petroleum and Minerals here Wednesday. He was welcomed by Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jiluwi, governor of the Eastern Province; Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr, vice-chancellor; university teachers and students and a number of other officials.

In a welcoming speech, Bakr thanked the crown prince and said that the all university personnel were happy over the royal visit.

Prince Fahd was then briefed on the various stages of the university's development and was shown slides of the university buildings, hostels, academic installations and the research center.

The crown prince later inspected the uni-

versity township, the academic centers, the research institute, the stadium and the King Abdul Aziz camp. He also met with the teaching staff and the students and held an open dialogue with them.

The crown prince said he was honored to be close to the educators right from the time he was appointed the first education minister of the Kingdom.

Prince Fahd said that the public in general and the knowledge-seekers in particular know it well that, without the Islamic faith, "we would not have achieved this position in the world." He reiterated that "the sublime faith is the basis of our life and distinguishes this country and its people from others."

Reacting to Reagan's sanctions Soviets condemn U.S. act

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (Agencies) — Most U.S. allies withheld comment on President Reagan's sanctions against the Soviet Union for the military crackdown in Poland. But the Soviet Union and its allies condemned the measures and predicted they would aggravate East-West tensions.

"This is the latest in a series of attempts by the White House to step again on the path of threats and blackmail... a path that has long been bankrupt," the Soviet news agency said in a commentary from Washington. "They in the White House stubbornly do not want to take into consideration the immutable fact that times have changed and that nobody is given an opportunity to turn back the hands on the watch of history. The adventurous, senseless course of the Reagan administration is doomed to failure."

Czechoslovakia's official news agency called the sanctions "a brazen interference in the internal matters of other countries, an attack which lacks any logical foundation." Its communist party newspaper, *Rude Pravo*, accused Reagan of "fanning anti-Soviet hysteria."

The Hungarian newspaper *Nepszavasz* devoted half its front page Wednesday to a commentary saying the United States was acting against the advice of its allies.

Reagan Tuesday announced he was ban-

ning sales of high technology, pipeline parts and other equipment to the Soviet Union, as well as delaying U.S.-Soviet grain talks and commercial airline flights. Reagan said the measures were designed to punish the Soviet Union for what he called direct responsibility for the martial law imposed on Poland Dec. 13.

In Tokyo, Japanese officials were reportedly meeting to decide on a policy toward the sanctions. Japan, a potential supplier of pipeline parts, could profit by selling to the Soviets what they cannot buy from the United States. In Western Europe, announcement of Reagan's actions came too late for most newspapers to change their editorials. But the conservative *Daily Telegraph* said the pipeline equipment ban would likely cause resentment in Western Europe, where several nations are participating in an

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Egyptians meet Soviet envoy

CAIRO, Dec. 30 (AFP) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali met Wednesday with Moscow's charges d'affaires here for talks on relations between the two countries which have been chilly since September. Officials in the Egyptian capital said that the session was held at the request of the Soviet envoy.

Relations between Cairo and Moscow have been strained since September when former President Anwar Sadat announced the discovery of a "communist plot" to overthrow his government. Sadat ordered the expulsion of the Soviet ambassador here as well as six workers in the embassy. Of the 22 Egyptians also implicated in the affair, 17 were released Dec. 12, just over two months after the assassination of Sadat.

Britons oppose moves to store poison gases

LONDON, Dec. 30 (AP) — Britain's opposition Labor Party and peace activists Wednesday condemned reported plans by the United States to store deadly nerve gas in this country.

Both the U.S. Defense Department and British Defense Minister John Nott denied the reports. Denzil Davies, a Labor defense spokesman, said, "We are appalled that the Americans wish to stockpile deadly nerve gas in Britain."

The *Star* newspaper of London called the plan a "monstrous suggestion, which should be resisted at all costs." British press reports quoted a U.S. Army official, Amoretta M. Hoerber, as saying a report by a Pentagon Defense Science Board Task Force in 1980 suggested large amounts of nerve gas could be deployed in Britain as part of preparations for possible chemical warfare in Europe. Ms. Hoerber, currently Deputy Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Army for Research,

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Kuwait, Syria launch Iraq-Iran peace bid

DAMASCUS, Dec. 30, (R) — Syria announced Wednesday that planned talks with a high-ranking Iranian delegation, reported to be part of an attempt to end the Gulf war, had been postponed until Thursday.

But a joint effort launched by Syria and Kuwait to end the Iran-Iraq war appeared to be gathering pace. Diplomatic sources said Algeria, which successfully mediated between the two warring countries in 1975, was expected to become involved. Informed Syrian sources said Syria and Kuwait had agreed to try to end the war as a step toward uniting the Arab world against Israel.

Syrian officials said a visit to Damascus by Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati had been put off until Thursday "because of the flights between Syria and Iran". They did not elaborate. The Syrian sources said Kuwait had suggested the peace drive to Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad when he was touring the Gulf last week to campaign for joint Arab action against Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights, occupied from Syria in 1967.

Diplomatic sources in Kuwait said they understood Algeria was preparing to join the peace efforts. It brought Iran and Iraq together during a meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Algiers in 1975 and the two sides signed an agreement to end their long-standing border dispute.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein cancelled the agreement in September last year just before he sent troops into Iran to reclaim Iraqi rights, chiefly to full sovereignty over the Shatt Al-Arab Waterway. Algerian standing with the Islamic revolutionary government in Iran was demonstrated a year ago when Algiers mediated for the release of 52 United States diplomats held hostage in Tehran.

All previous attempts to mediate an end to the Iran-Iraq war have failed. Iraq refuses to withdraw any of its troops from the strip of Iranian territory they occupy until Iran recognizes its war demands, usually listed as full Iraqi sovereignty over the Shatt Al-Arab Waterway between the two countries and the return of disputed border areas. Iran refuses to negotiate until the last Iraqi soldier has left its soil.

The Syrian sources said that while President Assad would contact Iranian leaders, Kuwait's ruler, Sheikh Jabbar Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, would speak to the government in Baghdad. Arab diplomatic sources said Kuwait had helped Baghdad with a \$6 billion loan and by allowing Kuwaiti ports to be used as a main route for non-military supplies to Iraq.

In Kuwait, Iran's ambassador, Ali Shams Ardekani, had a meeting Wednesday with Kuwaiti Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah

and said later: "Kuwait would sincerely like to see the war end." He told Reuters by telephone: "Whenever we meet, we always talk about how we could end the war." He declined to give details of Wednesday's meeting.

Shams said any new peace initiative that was other than a wishful thinking would have to include an Iraqi withdrawal from Iranian territory. "Iran has always respected the 1975 treaty," he added.

Tehran radio quoted Iranian Prime Minister Hossein Mousavi as saying Tuesday night his country would welcome any visit by the Syrian president to Iran to negotiate a solution with the realities of the war at first hand.

Tehran newspapers reported that Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati would leave for Damascus apparently for talks with Syrian leaders on ending the war. Iran says it will stick to the 1975 Algiers Agreement which settled border disputes between Iran and Iraq and provided for joint ownership of the Shatt-Al-Arab Waterway at the head of the Gulf.

Assad invited to present Golan case

By Catherine Raia
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 — President Hafez Assad of Syria has been invited to America "to present the case of the Golan Heights to the American people," according to Dr. Muhammad Mehdi, president of the American Arab Relations Committee. In a cable sent to President Assad, Mehdi said that influencing American public opinion on the situation in the Golan Heights is "more valuable" than visiting the Arab capitals.

The American Arab Relations Committee is making arrangements for President Assad to speak at press conferences in New York, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Houston, and Washington, D.C.

"The problem of the Golan Heights is not going to be settled in the United Nations, but rather in the United States," said Mehdi.

He said that President Ronald Reagan needs the American public's support if the U.S. government is to impose any sanctions on Israel for its recent actions on the Golan Heights.

The Embassy of Syria in Washington declined to comment on what President Assad's response would be to such an invitation.

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By sons of late King Saud

King thanked for renaming university

RIYADH, Dec. 30 (SPA) — King Khaled Tuesday afternoon received the sons of the late King Saud who expressed their profound gratitude and appreciation for the King's order to rename Riyadh university King Saud University.

Speaking on behalf of his brothers, Prince Muhammad bin Saud thanked the King for his kind paternal gesture. He wished the King a long life "as the defender of this country and the man working for its welfare and dignity." Prince Muhammad told the King "We cherish you and your paternal attitude and pray to God Almighty to give you a long life, keep you the custodian of this nation and preserve your crown prince."

The audience was attended by Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, and the Ulama who voiced their satisfaction at the king's move. Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Baz, president of the departments of schol-

arly research, religious ruling (Fatwa), call to Islam (Dawah) and guidance, told the king, "We appreciate this noble, humanitarian move and pray to God to preserve and bless you."

Earlier in the day, King Khaled attended the silver jubilee celebrations for King Saud University, one of the seven universities in the Kingdom. He also dedicated the medical teaching hospital named after him. He was accompanied by Prince Abdullah, Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan and other members of the royal family, senior officials and high-ranking officers.

Meanwhile, Prince Abdullah told *Al-Jazirah* Tuesday evening that the renaming of Riyadh University as King Saud University — which was its former name — was clear evidence that the rulers and people of Saudi Arabia are faithful to the memory of those who once served the country. He said that he saw bright pros-

pects for the future of education, like all other things, in Saudi Arabia.

He added that the country is steadily proceeding towards the realization of its aspirations and the high goal of using its natural resources in a sound manner with proper planning and execution. Prince Abdullah paid tribute to Crown Prince Fahd as the first education minister, 25 years ago, and the man who planned and built the first university in Saudi Arabia. He also hailed all those who laid the foundations educational and scientific traditions of the university.

In a similar statement, Prince Badr, the deputy commander of the National Guard, paid homage to King Saud's deep awareness of the importance of establishing a university in the country and providing education to the youths of both sexes. He added that King Saud had relied on Prince Fahd for the implementation of this idea.

Southern district to receive new telephone system

JEDDAH, Dec. 30 — Saudi Telephone reported that beginning Wednesday, the South District (Abha) will receive a modern telephone calling system that will speed long-distance calling and will integrate the district with other regions.

A Saudi Telephone press statement said that the South District now has been divided into calling areas, determined by exchange location, and calls made from one area of the South District to another now will require the use of the long-distance code "07" followed by the normal seven-digit telephone number.

The five different calling groups in the South District are included in the following table:

Group 1 — If your telephone number starts with one of these prefixes you do not need to dial "07" to reach another telephone number within the group: 222-XXXX, 223-XXXX, 224-XXXX, 225-XXXX. For example, a call between 222-XXXX and 223-XXXX does not need to have the "07" code. Subscribers with these prefixes, however, need to dial "07" to reach the other calling groups.

Group 2 — Subscribers whose number begins with these prefixes do not have to dial "07" within their group: 322-XXXX, 323-XXXX, 324-XXXX, 325-XXXX, 342-XXXX. These subscribers must, however, dial "07" to reach subscribers in other groups.

Group 3 — Numbers beginning with 522-XXXX, 523-XXXX, and 542-XXXX are in the same calling group, calls between numbers with these prefixes do not need the "07" long-distance code. Calls to numbers with any other prefix will require "07".

Group 4 — Numbers beginning with 722-XXXX, or 723-XXXX are in the same calling group, these subscribers do not need to dial "07" to reach each other. Calls to any other group, of course, must use the "07" code.

Group 5 — Calls between prefixes 732-XXXX and 742-XXXX do not need to use "07" as they are in the same group. Again, calls outside this group to another group must have the "07" prefix, followed by the normal seven digit number.

Note: "X" stands for the digits that complete the subscribers' individual numbers.

According to the statement, the telephone expansion program has placed 24,000 working lines in the South District.

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Pakistan gets new oil deal

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 30. (R) — Saudi Arabia will assist Pakistan by letting the sister Muslim country buy only its light crude oil, rather than a mixture including less valuable heavier grades, the government announced here Tuesday.

The announcement followed talks here between Saudi Arabian Petroleum and Minerals Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani and Pakistani officials. The Kingdom is trying to boost exports of medium and heavy oils and conserve Arabian light crude. But the policy left Pakistani refineries with a surplus of heavy products such as furnace oil which was difficult to sell, official sources said.

A government statement said the deal followed five years, contacts between the Kingdom and Pakistan, which imports 90 percent of its crude oil, and most of it from Saudi Arabia.

Sheikh Yamani, who began his week-long visit Monday, said after talks with his Pakistani counterpart Gen. Rao Farman Ali Khan,

that discussion "concentrated on ways of cooperation in energy matters, both mining and manufacturing." The meeting also dealt with closer cooperation on oil exploration in Pakistan.

The Saudi Arabian minister said he had good idea about Pakistan's energy problem and its requirements.

Gen. Ali Khan had given Sheikh Yamani full report about his country's urgent need to develop energy resources. "Pakistan will undertake a large-scale search for oil in cooperation with Muslim and other friendly states," he said.

Education talks held

JEDDAH, Dec. 30 (SPA) — Western Region Education Director General Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid met Wednesday with Malaysian delegation to discuss educational cooperation, including Holy Quran and Prophet's Sunna curricula.

Penalized soccer players pardoned

RIYADH, Dec. 30 (SPA) — A complete pardon has been granted to all suspended football players in Saudi Arabia. The announcement was made Tuesday evening by Prince Faisal bin Fahd, the president of the Youth Welfare Organization and president of the Saudi Arabian Football Federation, after a meeting of the federation's board.

The prince said the move was meant to reaffirm the strong ties between the federation and all sports clubs in the Kingdom.

FROM THE GULF

ABU DHABI, Dec. 30 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan received Wednesday Sheikh Khaled bin Saqr Al-Qassimi, crown prince and deputy ruler of Ras Al-Khaimah. The president also received Emir Guisthan Janjua, Pakistan's ambassador to the UAE. The meeting, attended by Presidential Court Director Ali Al-Shurafa, dealt with cooperation and issues of mutual interest.

ABU DHABI, Dec. 30 (WAM) — The Arab Monetary Fund signed a loan agree-

ment with North Yemen Thursday for \$14 million, officials announced Wednesday. The loan, the first to be given to Sanaa by the Abu Dhabi-based fund, will help Yemen balance its payments deficit. The agreement is expected to be signed by AMF Managing Director Dr. Jawad Hasbani and North Yemeni Ambassador here Hussein Al-Marouni. Meanwhile, Marouni was received Wednesday by Abdul Rahman Al-Jarwan, UAE undersecretary for foreign affairs. They discussed bilateral relations and current Arab developments. Jarwan also met Iraqi Ambassador Saad Abdul Majid Al-Faisal for discussing current developments and issues of mutual interest.

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Kingdom's industries successful, Fahd says

DAMMAM, Dec. 30 (SPA) — Industrial production projects established in Jubail not only came up to the expectations, but also provided a better perspective. Crown Prince Fahd has said.

The success of the Jubail and Yanbu industrial projects and the ambitious results expected from them will not prevent the establishment of similar projects in other towns in the Kingdom, which will be varied according to the requirements and absorption potential, the crown prince said.

Prince Fahd made the comments during a field tour of several large productive installations at Jubail industrial area Tuesday. The

MWL raps Polish anti Islam policy

MAKKAH, Dec. 30 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League Wednesday strongly condemned the "barbaric misdeeds and inhuman violence" being handed out to Muslims by the Communist regime in Poland.

In cables to the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), the United Nations, Islamic associations and MWL offices throughout the world, Harakan denounced the despotic measures of the Communist regime against the 9,000 Muslims in Poland, depriving them of their religious freedom in complete neglect of the human rights respected by all international bodies and organizations.

The MWL chief urged the international community to intervene swiftly to put an end to the oppression to which the Islamic community is subjected in Poland.

Harakan also sent a cable to the military ruler in Poland, urging him to end violence against the Muslims in that country and to allow them to exercise their religious rites freely.

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visit, aimed at inspecting the progress of work on the vital projects, was part of a tour of the Eastern Province's projects.

Prince Fahd is touring the region currently after he attended the graduation ceremony of the first group of doctors from King Faisal University's Medical College during the weekend.

In a separate development, Rudwah village of Yanbu will be replanned and rebuilt under the instructions of Prince Fahd, officials reported Wednesday.

Sheikh Naif Al-Sudairi, emir of Yanbu, said that the crown prince has recommended the preparation of necessary studies for providing modern planning and other urban services, including modern housing, farms, road and communication networks, educational and health facilities.

Sudairi said the replanning of Radwah is one of the vital projects in Yanbu. It will provide for building 2,000 housing units equipped with all services for the village's residents, he added. He expressed gratitude for King Khalid and Prince Fahd's attention and care given to municipal projects, especially for villages to the benefit of citizens and development of the Kingdom's towns and cities.

GCC drawing up oil strategy

KUWAIT, Dec. 30 (SPA) — The Gulf Cooperation Council is mapping an oil strategy that will aim at coordinating the policies in the field of oil industry. Dr. Abdullah Al-Quwaiz, assistant secretary general of the GCC for economic affairs, stated here Wednesday.

In an interview published in the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Siyassah*, he said the implementation of the economic treaty signed by GCC member states would mean the beginning of a Gulf common market that would strive to achieve a complete political and economic unity.

Quwaiz added that finance and economy ministers of the GCC states will discuss possible ways of coordinating economic plans and laying the bases for an integrated future planning during their conference, which will be held Jan. 26.

Meeting opens in Doha

DOHA, Dec. 30 (SPA) — The Arab Animal Husbandry Development Company's board opened its meeting here Wednesday. The Kingdom's delegation is led by Said ibn Said, assistant finance undersecretary for international economic relations.

During the three-day session, the board will discuss budget estimates for the next fiscal year.

Report identifies subversive group leader

MANAMA, Dec. 30 (SPA) — The ruling party in Tehran have delegated a person named Hujjat-ul-Islam Hadi Al-Mudarris to head the terrorist group, which was recently apprehended in Bahrain, according to press reports here Wednesday.

In a report from Beirut, the Bahraini newspaper *Akbar Al-Khaleej* said that the so-called Hujjat-ul-Islam Al-Mudarris was the mastermind behind the subversive plot which was foiled in Bahrain. The report added that Mudarris had taken refuge in Bahrain during the former Shah's rule, but later returned to Iran where the authorities made him the head of a section called the Department of Gulf Affairs.

The report said that Mudarris supervises the Tehran radio program directed toward Gulf states in Arabic and Persian, and also looks after another department that collects information about the states of the region. It added that, since Mudarris is responsible for what is known as the Department of Gulf Affairs, the ruling Iranian authorities asked

him to head the terrorist group.

The newspaper reiterated that the Iranian terrorist operation was not targeted only at Bahrain but its objective was to disrupt security and stir sectarian disturbances in all the states of the Gulf region.

Earlier, Bahraini Interior Minister Sheikh Muhammad bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa had said the terrorist group belonged to the "Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain", which has its headquarters in Tehran. He added that the group had planned to implement the plot

on the first day of the Bahraini national day celebrations, which was the "zero hour" for them. But their plot was uncovered and all states of the region rallied together and the security machinery was in full alert to foil the conspiracy, which had targeted the entire region.

Senior Bahraini government sources said on Dec. 16 that the group had planned to take ministers hostage and capture the state-owned radio to declare a revolution.

Jeddah buildings to be inspected

RIYADH, Dec. 30 — Special technical teams will visit Jeddah buildings shortly to see whether there is any risk of their collapsing, *Al-Riyadh* reported Wednesday. It said that the teams will inspect all old and new structures.

Makkah Governor Prince Majed, who has special interest in the matter, said both

landlords and tenants usually admit the danger. Some buildings are sustaining too much pressure, while others are impaired by water leaks and inadequate maintenance, he added. He also said that a renovation should normally take place every year — which is almost conventional in advanced countries.

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Despite rift over Golan

U.S. may boost arms credits to Israel

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP) — Despite a rift between the U.S. administration and the Israeli government over annexation of the Golan Heights, the Pentagon has proposed increasing arms sales credits for Israel in the year beginning Oct. 1, 1982.

The Israelis had sought \$1.9 billion, said the sources, who declined to be identified. The \$1.7 billion figure was decided by the Pentagon before the blow-up over the unexpected Israeli action annexing the Syrian Golan Heights occupied in the 1967 war, the sources said.

U.S.-Israeli relations reached perhaps their lowest point recently when President Reagan suspended a new strategic cooperation agreement and talks on helping the Israeli economy by purchasing Israeli-made

Haig's Israel visit set for February

TEL AVIV, Dec. 30 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig plans to visit Israel in February during a swing through the Middle East, Israeli officials said Wednesday.

Haig's visit would be a rescheduling of a one-day stop he was to have made in Israel

military equipment. Israel's Prime Minister Menahem Begin responded by angrily dressing down the U.S. ambassador and suspending the agreement.

A few defense officials wanted to be "a little tougher on Israel" but the prevailing Pentagon view opposed punishing Israel by withholding arms aid, said one source. "It would be very dangerous if there was a polarization separating the United States and Israel," he said.

Even while announcing the suspension of the Israeli-U.S. security cooperation agreement on Dec. 18, a Defense Department spokesman stressed that the United States "continues to be strongly committed to Israel's security."

Defense officials said the proposed \$1.7 billion is "not a great amount considering the size of the force the Israelis must main-

tain and the cruel inflation suffered by Israel."

These officials said that the Arab armies and air forces are steadily improving and it would be a serious mistake on the part of the United States to allow Israeli weaponry to become obsolete or to wear out.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has been outspoken in criticizing the Israeli annexation move, but Pentagon officials said Weinberger is "pretty evenhanded."

The Israelis pushed for \$1.9 billion in arms credits during the late November meeting here between Weinberger and Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon. Among other things, sources said, the Israelis sought four KC-135 jet tanker planes to refuel their fighters, but they added that this request has not been approved.

The Israelis were said to have argued that they needed the tanker planes to enable their fighters to stay aloft in a crisis to avoid being destroyed by attacking Arab air forces.

However, Pentagon officials appeared cool to the idea of providing tanker planes because they feel the Arabs might be worried these aircraft would give the Israeli air force the ability to reach distant targets in Arab lands.

On killing POWs

Iraq, Iran exchange charges

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 30 (Agencies) — Iran and Iraq exchanged charges that the other side has killed prisoners of war. Iran also accused Iraq of indiscriminate attacks on civilians and invited the United Nations to send a special representative to the war zone.

A letter from Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi to outgoing United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, did not say how many prisoners were allegedly killed. It said: "It has been established to the Iraqi competent authorities by eyewitness Iranian prisoners of war who have fallen to the Iraqi forces during the last battle at Khaffiyah (Susangerd) that the Iranian authorities

murdered Iraqi prisoners of war." Hammadi said the murders were a grave breach of international law, particularly the Third Geneva Convention of 1949 on the treatment of prisoners of war.

Iran has repeatedly denied the charges and has itself alleged that Iraq has murdered its prisoners of war.

A communique from the Iranian Foreign Ministry, conveyed to Waldheim and released here Tuesday, reported that 50 Iranian civilians had been killed and 225 wounded in Iraqi air and rocket attacks on the Iranian cities of Ilam, Dezful and Ahwaz Dec. 9-11.

Iran diplomat expelled from North Yemen

MANAMA, Bahrain, Dec. 30 (AP) — The Iranian charge d'affaires in North Yemen Tuesday night became the second Iranian diplomat to be expelled from an Arab country in two weeks.

A foreign ministry statement in Sanaa, quoted by the Saudi Press Agency, said the Iranian diplomat had been asked to leave the country within 24 hours "after being apprehended while distributing anti-Yemen leaflets."

"He had been warned more than once before to refrain from non-diplomatic activities, but he escalated his attempts to create dissension and undermine the Yemen Arab Republic," the statement said. It did not mention the name of the expelled diplomat, nor did it say if he actually left Yemen.

Bahrain last week declared Iranian charge d'affaires, Hassan Shushtri, persona non grata and ordered him to leave because of what officials described as his involvement in an alleged pro-Iranian coup bid against the government.

Libya 'expels' 1,000 Tunisians

TUNIS, Dec. 30 (AP) — Libya recently expelled more than 1,000 Tunisians due to deteriorating relations between the two countries, the daily independent newspaper *As-Sahab* reported Wednesday.

Relations between Libya and Tunisia have worsened steadily since plans for a merger of the two countries fell apart in the mid-1970s. Libya objected to establishing the head-

quarters of the Arab League in Tunis in 1979 and later vetoed Tunisia's application for membership in the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporters, an organization distinct from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The newspaper said the Tunisians were forced to leave Libya last week. It did not say what reason was given for the expulsions.

MRD seeks free elections

Zia's advisory council draws opposition fire

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 30 (AP) — Major Pakistan opposition parties Wednesday came out strongly against the 350-member Federal Advisory Council nominated last week by President Gen. Muhammad Zia ul-Haq to design an Islamic political system for Pakistan.

The Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), a coalition of eight parties technically banned under martial law, issued a veiled warning to those appointed to the body.

The MRD statement condemned the move as an attempt to "hoodwink the nation and the outside world." It called on the people of Muslim states, France, West Germany, Britain and the United States to pressure Zia

into ordering free elections. The opposition grouping charged that the military regime was preparing to postpone its Dec. 24 decision but went ahead with announcing the council after seeing the adverse international reaction to the army takeover in Poland.

"One cannot read or think about martial law in Poland without remembering that there is martial law also in Pakistan," said the MRD statement, issued following a secret meeting in Karachi.

The movement was formed last February after opposition leaders, including the widow of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, buried their differences and agreed to work for elections and Zia's removal. Mrs.

Nusrat Bhutto heads the former ruling Pakistan People's Party.

Perhaps more embarrassing was sharp criticism voiced by the Jamaat-e-Islami, an important rightwing religious party which formerly supported Zia and his Islamization policies. In a statement issued Monday, it noted that the council is empowered only to make recommendations and can be dissolved whenever the president pleases.

Zia, in a letter to council members published Wednesday, said that he was forming the advisory body because a general election at this time would "likely endanger the country's security, national integrity and the law and order situation..."

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Hussein tells Percy Total Israeli withdrawal key to peace

AMMAN, Dec. 30 (AP) — King Hussein on Wednesday told visiting U.S. Senator Charles Percy that Mideast peace could be achieved only after total Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories, official sources here said.

The Republican senator from Illinois arrived here after visiting Tel Aviv for talks with Israeli leaders. Before his departure from Israel, Percy urged Israel not to risk its relations with the United States by taking one-sided actions that ignored U.S. interests.

The sources, who declined to be identified, said the Jordanian monarch had reiterated the Jordanian stand regarding a Middle East settlement which "is based on total Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories including Arab Jerusalem and the guarantee of legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and self-determination on the soil of their homeland."

Percy, at the end of his three day visit to Israel had warned that "time is running out" in the Palestinian autonomy talks. He said quick progress must be made in resolving the Palestinian problem.

The sources said Percy and Hussein exchanged views on Middle East problems and other international issues.

The visit by one of the Senate's most outspoken critics of Israel was believed to have gone a long way in repairing U.S.-Israeli relations severely strained after Israel unexpectedly annexed the Syrian Golan Heights Dec. 14.

After meeting Prime Minister Menahem Begin Tuesday, Percy told reporters he looked forward to "a new spirit, a new beginning" in relations between Israel and its U.S. benefactor.

But in a statement before leaving for Jordan, Percy said the special relationship between the two countries "should not be put at risk by unilateral Israeli actions taken without regard to the interests of the United States in strengthening regional security against external threats and advancing the peace process."

Percy said that on his tour of Arab countries he would "do my best to encourage Arab leaders to recognize Israel's right to exist in peace within defensible borders and to join Mideast peace talks."

"Progress may be slow, but progress must be made," he said in his prepared statement. "Time is running out." He refused to take questions or expand on that warning.

Percy said the Egyptian-Israeli talks on self-government for the Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza "must be pursued urgently," and he disclosed that he had met three Palestinian leaders during his visit. Israel radio identified the Palestinians as Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, Ramallah lawyer Aziz Shehadeh and Gaza attorney Hatem Abu Ghazalleh.

Israel violates Iraqi airspace

BEIRUT, Dec. 30 (R) — Two Israeli fighter planes flew over Iraqi territory Wednesday but were driven off by Iraqi aircraft, the Iraqi News Agency reported. The agency quoted a military spokesman as saying: "At 1405 local (1105 GMT) Wednesday two Israeli F-15 planes broke through our airspace at Makt al-Na'am for 50 kms. They were intercepted by our fighter planes and forced to turn back. All our aircraft returned safely to base."

Last June the Israeli air force bombed a French-built nuclear power plant in Iraq, which Israel alleged would have been used to make atomic bombs.

Jerusalem bomb defused

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30 (AP) — Police Wednesday dismantled a bomb before it exploded under the stair well of a Jewish religious seminar in the Mea Shearim quarter of Jerusalem, police said.

The explosive, discovered in Yeshiva Mir was believed to have been planted by commandos, police said.



PRESS CONFERENCE: Lawyer Abdul Halim Ramadan (center) announces to a news conference in Cairo Tuesday the withdrawal of 35 defense attorneys defending the accused assassins of the late President Anwar Sadat. He is flanked by lawyer Ismail Naggar (right) and Muhammad Imaddin El Subki. Ramadan said the defense had decided to withdraw because of the military court's repeated refusals of all defense requests.

To discuss arms deals

French minister visits Egypt

CAIRO, Dec. 30, (R) — French Defense Minister Charles Hernu started a three-day visit to Cairo Wednesday and is expected to discuss Egyptian plans for buying new weapons, including advanced aircraft and missiles. His trip precedes a 24-hour visit here by French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson on Jan. 2-3.

Hernu will have a series of talks with Egyptian Defense Minister Abdul-Halim Abu Ghazala.

Egyptian officials said he would discuss possible Egyptian arms purchases from France, including a contract for 60 Mirage 2000 combat aircraft worth an estimated \$2.4 billion with spare parts. Earlier this year Egypt bought 30 Alpha tactical ground support aircraft and 14 Mirage F-1 interceptors from France.

French officials said Egypt also wanted Matra's new super 530 air-to-air missiles as well as laser-guided Durandal bombs.

Cheysson, who is due to meet President Hosni Mubarak, is scheduled to tour Gulf states in the middle of January and Arab leaders will be questioning him about remarks he made in Israel earlier this month about the West European initiative on the Middle East.

Egyptian officials have said they will ask Cheysson to clarify his remarks and will also discuss the participation of four West European states, France, Italy, Britain and the Netherlands, in a Sinai peace keeping force.

Egyptian television said Tuesday night there was a possibility France could provide loans to help Egypt finance its arms purchases.

On compensation

Sinai settlers agree to negotiate

TEL AVIV, Dec. 30 (AP) — Settlers from the northern Sinai town of Yamit signed an agreement Wednesday to negotiate compensation for their losses when Israel withdraws from Sinai in April, an agriculture ministry spokesman said.

The agreement names Agriculture Minister Simcha Ehrlich as the final arbitrator on a financial settlement with the settlers, some of whom have set fire to empty houses and fortified the town to protest previous government compensation offers.

The signing came after the settlers decided Tuesday to accept a \$30,000 preliminary payment to 100 businessmen for the homes and stores they must evacuate when Israel returns

the Sinai to Egypt as part of the two countries' peace treaty.

"We'll try to solve the problems," said David Margolit of the settler's negotiating committee. He said the government had shown a new willingness "to hear our demands."

About 3,000 Israelis live in Yamit and surrounding farm settlements. Another 200 families of squatters have moved into vacant houses in the area in a bid to stop the withdrawal, and the government has not acted to block them.

The Yamit businessmen have demanded \$235,000-\$260,000 for their homes and stores, similar to compensation offered to Sinai farmers for resettlement to new land.

Explosion rocks Afghan capital

NEW DELHI, Dec. 30 (R) — An explosion in a Soviet ammunition dump rocked Kabul on Dec. 23, the eve of the second anniversary of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, diplomatic sources said here Wednesday. They said the dump was in the Dar-ul-Aman district of the Afghan capital, which has been the target of persistent attacks by Afghan freedom fighters in recent weeks.

The explosion was heard throughout the capital, but the sources had no information on any damage.

The freedom fighters were also reported to

have assassinated a senior official in the ministry of planning, but the sources did not identify the person or give his rank. They said security was stepped up in Kabul last week following the distribution of the fighters' leaflets denouncing the Soviet presence and the Soviet-backed government of President Babrak Karmal.

The sources said Prime Minister Sultan Ali Kistmand told his cabinet in Kabul on Dec. 21 that direct aid from the Soviet Union to Afghanistan had reached about \$100 million a year.

21 leftists executed in Iran cities

LONDON, Dec. 30 (Agencies) — Twenty-one Iranian leftists have been executed in several Iranian cities on charges of opposing Iran's regime, a Tehran newspaper reported Wednesday.

The newspaper *Jomhuri-ye Eslami* (Islamic republic) said 12 members of the radical People's Mujahedin Movement, six of them women, were sent to a firing squad on the orders of a revolutionary court in the eastern city of Mashad. Six leftists were shot in the central city of Yazd after being convicted of rebellion against the clergy-led government, the newspaper said.

It said the rest of those executed faced a firing squad in the southern city of Masjed Soleyman.

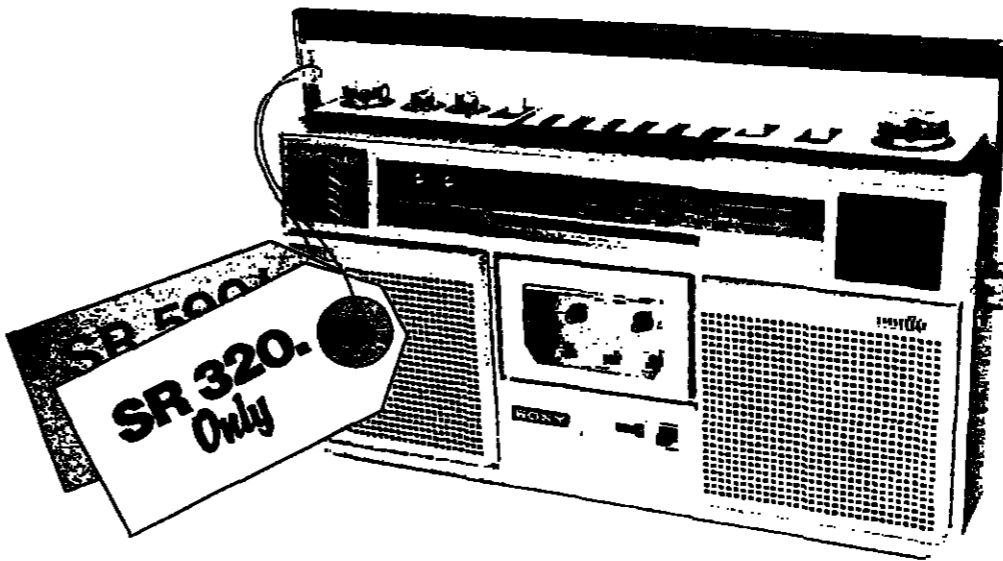
More than 2,000 people, mainly leftists,

have been executed in Iran since last June when Iran's fundamentalist authorities launched a violent campaign to root out their political opponents.

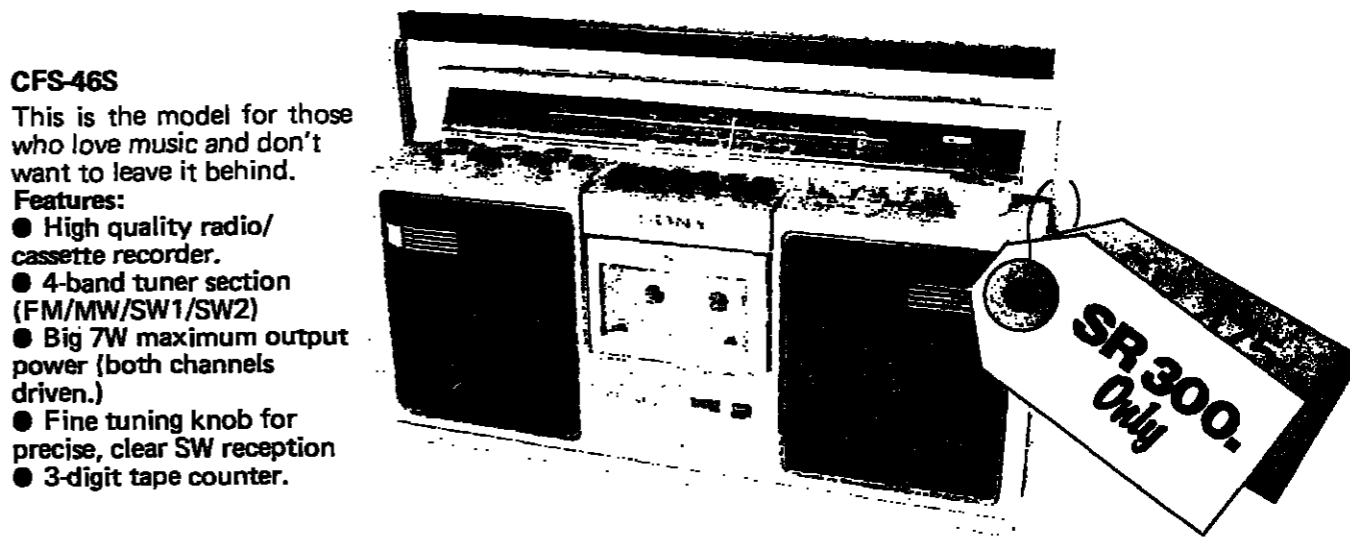
In another development, the Supreme Justice Council, the highest court in Iran, has ruled that all goods confiscated from the regime of the late Shah must be returned to the state, radio Tehran reported Wednesday.

The means to enforce the measure are to be the subject of upcoming discussion that will include the council members, President Ali Khomeini and Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mussavi, the radio said. The order covers "all furnishings or properties confiscated from elements of the old regime or of unknown origin, now in the hands of revolutionary courts or of individuals."

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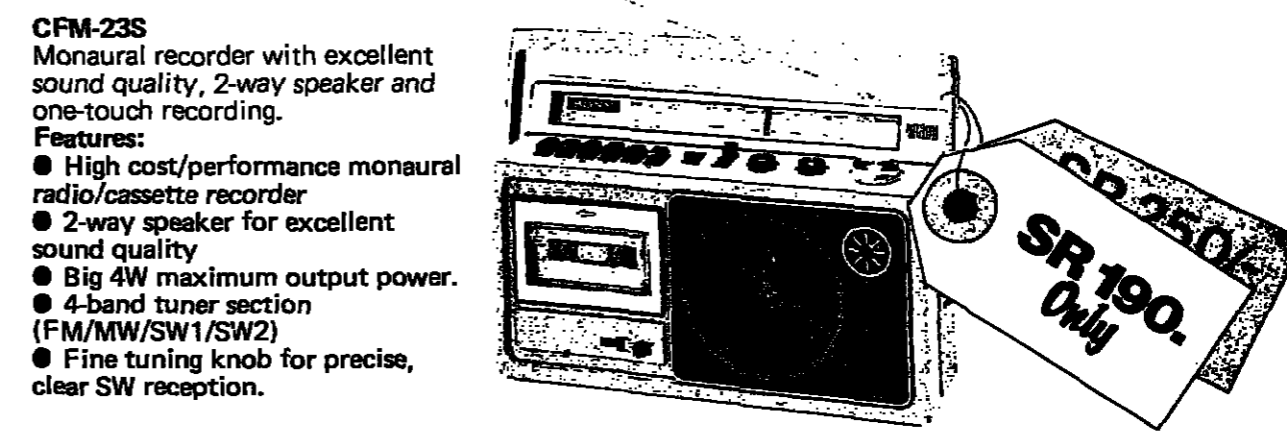
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U.S. treatment of refugees sparks row

By William Shawcross

LONDON — A row over American treatment of Haitian boat people and refugees from the Salvador civil war has blown up among the staff of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, whose office won this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

The commissioner, former Danish Prime Minister Poul Hartling, is being accused by some of the staff in his Geneva headquarters of failing to press the United States over its breaches of the U.N. Convention on Refugees. Article 33 of the convention prohibits the return of refugees to a country where their life or liberty would be in danger.

Hartling's critics claim he is anxious not to offend the U.S. government, which provides 30 percent of the UNHCR budget and whose support he will need for re-election next year.

The Geneva officials are particularly angered by an American agreement with the Haitian government to put Haitian officials aboard U.S. Coast Guard ships patrolling the Caribbean in search of illegal immigrants. Those found are sent back to Haiti with no appeal.

In Haiti, run by 'Baby Doc' Duvalier with the *Tontons Macoutes* — the fearsome secret police he inherited from his father 'Papa Doc' — three-quarters of the population earn less than the World Bank's absolute poverty level.

The regime receives \$140 million of foreign aid a year, one of the highest per capita rates in the world. The country spends only 0.9 percent of its income on education and 80 percent of the people are illiterate. Every year thousands of Haitians attempt to flee this oppression in unseaworthy boats for Florida and Louisiana. Most of those who make it are poor peasants who speak only Creole. Their community in the U.S. is less organized and powerful than that of the Cubans. They have always been a target of harassment by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

The case of those trying to escape civil war in El Salvador is less obviously dramatic but equally disturbing to Hartling's critics. Last month UNHCR's regional representative reported that there are around 200,000 displaced persons in El Salvador "in abysmal conditions of misery, disease, psychological destruction and death. Government assistance to these persons is totally inadequate."

Thousands of Salvadorans try to flee to the United States every year but the U.S. government which supports the junta in El Salvador, does not recognize them as official refugees. The INS is aggressively rounding up all Salvadorans it finds in the United States and repatriating them by plane. While they wait for flights the INS constantly shifts them from prison to prison to make it hard for American civil rights lawyers to find them and give them the protection of U.S. law.

The administration has also refused to allow Salvadorans "voluntary departure status," which was given to Nicaraguans in 1979, and which would mean that they could remain so long as the State Department determines that their country is in civil turmoil.

Last month Hartling visited the United States after being informed by his office that "the current state of international protection in the United States is not satisfactory." Officials said interception of the Haitian boat people at sea without any appeal and in the presence of officials of their own country was a contravention of the U.N. Convention which the U.S. has ratified. Moreover, despite U.S. assertions, the UNHCR officials believe that at least some Haitians had suffered political persecution on being forcibly returned.



Polish Army Vs. Solidarity: Whose fault was it?

By Neal Ascherson

LONDON — The fate of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski's attempt to impose "order and discipline" on Poland, at the cost of all the liberties won over the last 16 months, is still undecided. But many are dead, the arrests run into tens of thousands, and the general's decrees have banned almost every social activity beyond going to work, standing a queue and praying. How did this catastrophe come about, and whose fault was it?

The Military Council of National Salvation is insisting that there was no alternative. There was a plot to overthrow the Socialist state, to be carried out two weeks ago through mass street demonstrations called to commemorate the dead of the 1970 strikes. Lech Walesa himself, at the Solidarity meeting at Radom on Dec. 3, had said: "No change of system can be made without breakage. What matters is to win... confrontation is inevitable, and will take place."

But there is no evidence of such a plot. And what Walesa said was an admission of failure wrung from him by Solidarity radicals attacking his hope for compromise, not a program. The tale of the last four months, ending in the small hours of Sunday, Dec. 13, is the story of Solidarity's effort to reach a stable political compromise with a regime that had already decided — as we now see — to use force rather than share power.

In the final few weeks, the regime deliberately forced the pace of confrontation, driving Solidarity's moderate leaders fighting a losing battle against their militant colleagues — to take up positions more and more hostile to the state power.

This last phase began with Solidarity's first annual congress, held at Gdansk in September and early October. The union confessed that its strategy had failed. It had hoped to stay out of politics. It had intended that the Polish United Workers Party and its government would keep the formal monopoly of political power, while Solidarity would use its muscle to enforce the application of the Gdansk agreements. But party and government retreated into a hostile paralysis.

As the months went by, nothing coherent was done to deal with Poland's appalling and growing economic crisis. Politically, though there were many reforms, union members felt that they had not passed the point of no return — but the regime had not really accepted that Solidarity was there to stay.

The gulf of mistrust was widening. Solidarity decided that it had to take action. Its congress launched a program for sweeping change: workers' control (if necessary without waiting for legislation), democratic local elections, union access to the mass media. The government accused Solidarity of breaching its statutes and grasping at political power.

The sense of acute crisis returned to Poland. On Oct. 18 the party's central committee met and in desperation replaced Stanislaw Kania as first secretary by Gen. Jaruzelski, who was already prime

minister and minister of defense. There had already been much talk about "filling the power vacuum" by some kind of coalition of government, church and Solidarity. On Nov. 4 Walesa met Jaruzelski and Archbishop Glemp, the Catholic primate, and on Nov. 18 Solidarity and the government opened talks on the formation of a "Front of National Unity."

Mistrust vitiated these talks. The party and government played tough in order to reassure panicky party members (over 400,000 had already left) that they would not be strung up on lampposts by the mob. Solidarity, rent by tactical argument and personal strife, dared not concede for fear of giving its members the impression it had sold their independence for empty promises.

The government at last produced bills on economic reform, trade unions and universities, but all in versions Solidarity refused to endorse. Meanwhile — and ominously — a tiny extreme patriotic group called the Confederation for Independent Poland, with no program save extreme nationalism and hatred of Russian, began to balloon in membership.

As hopes of the "front" faded, talk of a possible military government spread. Jaruzelski already held state and party power; now he sent teams of soldiers into the villages to ginger up local government, unearth corruption and expose waste. Even in Solidarity, there were some who thought that a military regime under Jaruzelski might be the only path to a genuine coalition government of army, state, church and trade unions.

In late November, after repeated appeals from Walesa and the primate, strikes were dying down. Peasants launched a campaign of occupations, and students went on strike against the universities bill and the imposition of an unpopular rector in the Radom engineering academy, but neither were to do with Solidarity itself. Yet now the government suddenly moved into provocative action. A meeting called by Jacek Kurton, the veteran dissident and Solidarity's most original thinker who was trying to set up a chain of "Clubs for a Self-Governing Republic," was broken up by the police.

At the next central committee meeting of the party, on Nov. 27-28, there were open calls for Jaruzelski to take emergency powers as "a man who will publicly tidy things up." Jaruzelski answered that the Sejm (parliament) would be asked to grant him the right to declare a state of emergency, including a ban on strikes, when he thought fit. On Dec. 2, Warsaw police stormed the fire service academy and evicted occupying students, the first time force had been used against strikers since the storming of the prefecture at Bydgoszcz in March (which had brought Poland to the edge of disaster).

A climax was plainly close. Solidarity called a strike alert, and its leaders met next day in emergency session at Radom. The union threatened a general strike of 24 hours if parliament passed the emergency powers bill, and an unlimited strike if the powers were applied. Walesa, in despair at the deliberate wrecking by the government of the

"line of understanding" to which he had tried to stay loyal, bitterly accused the regime of bad faith. "There is no national agreement, for there is no one to agree with. The other side cheats."

The government found more ammunition for its warnings that Solidarity was about to overthrow the Socialist system, when local Solidarity branches began to evict party cells from the factories. On Dec. 7, the media published slanted extracts from the union's closed session at Radom, which had been somehow taped, as more evidence of an imminent anti-Communist coup.

Archbishop Glemp, in a last effort to avert disaster, dashed off a flurry of letters; he asked all MPs not to pass the emergency powers bill, invited Jaruzelski and Walesa to another meeting, and begged the students to end their strikes. Meanwhile, the militant Warsaw region of Solidarity demanded street demonstrations and a "day of protest" on Dec. 17, the anniversary of the 1970 shootings. The Confederation of Independent Poland muttered darkly about the hour of fate.

Walesa met the archbishop again on Wednesday, Dec. 9. Jaruzelski stayed away. The Sejm had threatened to resist his emergency laws; he took them off the agenda, then on Friday, Dec. 11, hinted that they might be introduced after all. The same day the Polish ambassador in Paris told Pierre Mauroy, the French prime minister, that he must cancel his visit to Warsaw planned for the following week; the government's diary "was too crowded."

And, though few knew it, Marshal Kullikow, commander of Warsaw Pact forces, arrived in the Polish capital.

That Friday night, the executive of Solidarity met in its birthplace, the hall of the health center at the Lenin shipyard at Gdansk. The mood was of outrage, not yet of fear. Walesa told the press that he still stood for national concord and against conflict with the regime, and denied that Solidarity as a whole wanted the party expelled from the factories. But as the meeting resumed on Saturday, Poland's last day of liberty, it was the radicals who dominated. Walesa hardly spoke in the impassioned debates.

The news came that the city's telephones had been cut, then the police were watching the homes of Solidarity leaders. Already — though the delegates did not know it — the tanks and army convoys were moving. The meeting ended late at night with a new call: an immediate general strike if emergency powers came in, a new "national agreement" for real power-sharing with the party to be applied unilaterally by the union if necessary, a referendum in the new year on confidence in the government and free elections to the Sejm.

With a few black jokes about possible arrest, the delegates dispersed. A few hours later, almost all had been rounded up. In Warsaw, the attack on Solidarity headquarters began at 2 a.m. and the army moved on to the streets. At five, Jaruzelski announced on the radio the imposition of martial law and a "state of war."

Poland's armed forces have enjoyed enormous patriotic veneration — in contrast to the hated police. Since Soviet officers were removed in 1956, the army has been regarded as an independent national force, and has not shared the unpopularity of the party. In 1970, Poles refused to believe that troops had killed strikers and argued that the police had worn military uniforms. Solidarity pressed only cautiously for trade union organization within the armed forces, unwilling to alienate a coherent "national institution" which many of its members respected.

The truth is that the integration of party and officer corps was intimate. Some 85 percent of officers and all generals are party members. This integration became much closer as Jaruzelski became first prime minister and then party leader, bringing many generals into cabinet posts. At the same time, the officer corps was desperately anxious after August 1980 that the armed forces should not be infected by the disintegration of the party.

If the army does get drawn into armed conflict, the problem of conscript soldiers arises. While the air force and the navy are manned mostly by regulars, over half the army strength (154,000 out of 210,000) is formed by national servicemen on two-year stints. Many have been called up since Solidarity was established.

The loyalty of senior officers to their oath and to Jaruzelski is, in contrast, strong. The argument that the coup may have been the only way to prevent anarchy and Soviet occupation probably counts most with them. They are highly professional, and almost all the senior officers are of peasant origin — well aware that they owe their status and privilege to the Communist system.

Jaruzelski, in this sense, is an exception. Aged 57, he is one of the very few generals from the petty nobility, which traditionally claimed the right to represent and lead the nation. A coup as vast and elaborate as his was obviously planned for many months. But what actually triggered the push remains a mystery. The timing may have been forced by the lurch toward disintegration in the party, with hardliners entreating — perhaps threatening — Jaruzelski to act and party morale dissolving as thousands left in panic.

EVREN PLEDGES DEMOCRACY

Before the Turkish army seized power under Gen. Kenan Evren in September 1980 terrorism in the country had taken epidemic proportions claiming nearly 25 persons a day. Right and Left wingers were literally slaughtering each other as well as other innocent bystanders and giving Turkey a lousy reputation in the world.

The country was a theoretical democracy in which political parties were free to exercise their rights but with large scale assassinations being used as political instruments there could have been but little political freedoms to be exercised. With normal political life in disarray, the economy suffered and the country reached the verge of bankruptcy. It was literally choking to death, in more ways than one.

Then the army struck. Thousands of terrorists were rounded up. Any one using assassination for a political end must be a grave danger to society and to public and individual freedoms and must be controlled. Enough arms and ammunition were seized to equip two Turkish army divisions with their requirements of light weapons, as Evren put it. The spate of death and mayhem in the streets decreased and the people breathed a sigh of relief, the economy picked up with the restoration of confidence both inside and outside the country. The people were safer and life became once more a little easier for the vast majority. It was not so comfortable for those languishing in prison but then they had made life awfully miserable for the majority of their compatriots.

But this state of affairs did not please the West European states allied with Turkey in NATO and they insisted on a rapid return to democracy or else they would cut off economic aid to their ally.

This is understandable for few people in the world would vote for a military regime that suppressed liberties although the Turkish government under Evren has done a great job of lifting a state of terror and giving back the majority of people some measure of freedom from fear engendered by the reign of the gunmen.

Evren's decision yesterday to restore democracy to Turkey was an act of rare courage in a world in which military leaders seldom if ever, surrender their powers to the parties without a fight and a lot more bloodshed than they had come to prevent in the first place. He has promised to hold general elections for a new national assembly by 1983. He gave no conditions for the fulfillment of the pledge. He means what he says, as the Turkish army has always had a role to play in Turkish life and reserves a constitutional right to interfere directly in the event of a breakdown of law and order as was the case prior to September 1980.

Developed by U.S. space technicians

W. Germans challenge video games, critics question their good taste

By Robert Woodward

BONN (R) — Soft lighting, rock music and potted plants are rapidly changing the image of West Germany's video games. More than 15 million West Germans annually indulge in games such as "battle zone" and "asteroids" and entrepreneurs have not been slow in recognizing a growth market.

The introduction of video games to "amusement halls" in the late-1970s attracted a reservoir of clients who had previously considered such places as sleazy dens frequented by bums from the rough side of town.

Playing interest had previously centered on pinball machines which require some skill and more luck in keeping a metal ball in play between several electrically-charged bumpers with the aid of two small mechanically operated arms or flippers.

The game, based on 19th Century

Bagatelle, was gradually refined after the introduction of electrical operations in the 1950s until the new generation of machines, totally controlled by electrical impulses, were developed by out-of-work U.S. space program technicians in the mid-1970s.

These machines increased the skill element and the arrival of video games at the end of the decade found an audience of both young and old, eager for more testing problems.

The number of video games soared to 25,000 last year from 5,800 in 1979 and West German hall owners expect takings from them to continue climbing sharply from the 500 million marks (\$220 million) earned in 1980.

Paul Gausemann, from the tiny village of Espelkamp in North Rhine Westphalia, was the first West German to spot the financial promise of large centers combining both video games and pinball machines. He opened his first "Spielothek" in 1971.

Today he owns 87 halls, out of a total 3,500 in West Germany, which are expected to yield him 400 million marks (\$175 million) this year.

"People come first and foremost to work off energy, to relax...the games involve individual action which is not the case in the cinema for example," Gausemann says.

Most video games provide about two minutes of enjoyment and pinball games about five minutes for a one mark (50 cent) coin, although last year two young Germans from the state of Hessen continued playing pinball for 227 hours and 10 minutes.

Exhausted players can retire to the Spielothek's coffee house and owners say this atmosphere is attracting increasing numbers of doctors, journalists and businessmen between appointments.

Researchers say the halls are useful as meeting points for groups of foreign workers and places of possible contact for those playing alone who make up half of all entering the centers.

The enjoyment of pitting one's skill, reflexes and dexterity against others tends to remove barriers of age, race and occupation. They say, although women do not show much interest in the games.

Entry to the centers is forbidden to children under 18p video games are to be found outside cinemas, at stations and in airports while home versions are freely available in shops.

The tendency of video games to simulate activities such as shooting down aircraft and bombing towns has caused concern about their possible effect on young, impressionable minds.

One child, when asked what video-game he was playing, replied animatedly, "we're playing Vietnam — It's really great fun."

Another game involves destroying military and civilian vehicles which cross the screen to the realistic sound of battle, although the blowing up of ambulances is discouraged by the subtraction of points.

Munich city authorities threatened the owner of a center with heavy fines last year if he did not remove its "war game machines" at once and an investigation was subsequently launched into the effects of the games by an eminent professor of criminology.

But Professor Armand Mergen said children were subjected to worse and more vivid examples of violence on television, and that sport and play are inconceivable without a degree of aggression.

He concluded that players were fully aware they were only playing at war and the games were merely an amusing excuse to test their ability and skill against others.

Rare Chinese Shar-Pei is making its comeback

By George Dewan

NEW YORK (WP) — It is a most curious-looking animal, with a head like a hippo and folds and folds of wrinkled flesh covered with a gritty, bristly coat. The rare Chinese Shar-Pei, a decade ago about to become extinct, appears to be making a comeback.

Diane Epstein and her husband Martin live in a house in Whitestone on Long Island that has, little by little, been tailored to accommodate dogs. Two glistening great dunes. Two grown Shar-Peis — the older of which, named Bruce Lee's Passionflower of Whitestone, has just become a mother for the first time.

And five-month-old Shar-Pei puppies. Two black, three fawn-colored. All wrinkled.

"We're the first litter in the city or on the island," said Diane Epstein, a "hobby breeder," by her own description. "The ultimate goal is to improve the breed and get as close to perfection as possible. They're highly intelligent, they're guard dogs, they're extremely loving and they're protective." Perfection, in this case, means adherence to the so-called Chinese standard, which was drawn up by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Kennel Association. The Shar-Pei is not yet recognized by the American Kennel Club, whose strict regulations regarding numbers, generations of

pedigrees and geographical distribution have still to be met by the Shar-Pei.

The story of the origin and development of the Shar-Pei seems to be a lot clearer than that of many other breeds of dog, according to writers Paul Strang and Eve Olsen, whose 1980 book, *The Chinese Shar-Pei*, seems to be one of the few sources of information on the unique animal. The breed originated in southern China's Kwangtung Province, near Canton, and its ancestors are known to have existed during the Han Dynasty (202 BC-AD 220). Small dog statues made by artists of the day still exist in museums and private collections.

"These dogs portray, unmistakably, the same breed we know today," the authors say. "Although then not quite so wrinkled as now, the rugged, foursquare look, the tail wheeled over the back, and the celebrated warrior scowl are lifelike to an amazing degree."

"Over two thousand years ago this was the all-purpose, general utility dog kept by the peasant farmers of the area. The Shar-Pei was bred for intelligence in a rather informal manner. If an individual dog did not show a high degree of intelligence, he was slaughtered and eaten."

The Shar-Pei was also known as a fighter, and betting on dog fights was a popular pastime.

Skyscrapers, offices threatening Singapore Chinatown's existence

By Robert Mahoney

SINGAPORE, (R) — "Next please," shouts a street hawkler as he uncoils a 10-foot (three-meter) long python from around his blood-spattered arm. A diminutive Chinese housewife shuffles forward to take a dripping plastic bag containing the family's evening meal — a pound of python and some baby alligator meat.

Chee Kwong Hong, a 24-year-old snake butcher, skins snakes and iguanas and prizes the shells off turtles while he takes the money from the early morning shoppers in the busy market streets of Singapore's Chinatown.

The scene and the surroundings have changed little over the decade but soon they

will be swallowed up by concrete and glass skyscrapers slowly tightening their grip around the square mile (2.5 sq. km) area.

Bulldozers will shortly put an end to scenes like this in the colorful and noisy enclave to make way for towering offices and apartment blocks.

The so-called "wet market" in the Cantonese quarter, one of Chinatown's seven dialect groups, is alive with shoppers and hawkers buying and selling everything from dried cockroaches and bats — reputed to be good for asthma — to reptiles, tropical fruits and joss-sticks.

But the days of street vending are numbered as progress in the guise of health and income tax inspectors herd hawklers into government-designated food and shopping

centers where they will pay both rent and taxes.

Next year will see the disappearance of all Chinatown's makeshift roadside stalls and with them a way of life that has thrived ever since the British settled the first Chinese immigrants in an area south of the Singapore River 150 years ago.

Concrete and glass tower blocks have been gnawing at the edges of Chinatown for the last 15 years but Singapore planners have hastened the process. Land is at a premium on the 248 square-mile (620 sq-km) island and the profits from office and shop development are enormous.

At one time, Chinatown was on the seafloor but as land was reclaimed, so its southern perimeter became dominated by the new commercial buildings and the island's blossoming business district.

"Take a good look," said an official guide, pointing to rows of decorative, balconied two-story shop houses. "There will be nothing of this left in a few years."

"All these streets are coming down. The storekeepers and craftsmen who live and work here will be resettled in high rise apartment blocks."

The guide, Lim Kim Guan, grew up in Chinatown at a time when Chinese set societies and organized crime, and rickshaw coolies jammed the narrow streets.

He regrets the passing of much of the traditional lifestyle, though his own points to Chinatown's future — he moved out several years ago for the greater comfort of a government flat.

About 300,000 people used to live in Chinatown but since the World War II the number dwindled to 100,000 as homes gave way to offices and the younger generation, like Lim, moved into public housing authority flats.

There are those who prefer to stay, living perhaps eight to a room. Their lives inevitably spill over into the street where eating, and entertainment are all cheaply and noisily available beneath a canopy of a dripping laundry.

Despite the shadow cast by the neighboring tower blocks, Chinatown has a relatively prosperous air. The range of fresh produce on the stalls is impressive and there is no shortage of money among the older people.

Singapore's Chinatown is deeply traditional, not glossy new rich. Shop signs are hand-painted not lurid neon and in keeping with the island's general puritanism, there are no discotheques or other lures nesting inside alleys to entice tourists.

It is precisely because of this sense of the living past that people like Lim feel it is essential to retain a large part of Chinatown.



CHINATOWN: Singapore's Chinatown is slowly being swallowed up by concrete and glass skyscrapers.

Bangkok celebrating its 200th birthday

Insatiable demand for underground water threatens to sink the city

By Keyes Beech

BANGKOK, Thailand (LAT) — The Thais call it Krungthep or, more formally, the "Great City, the supreme repository for celestial jewels, the great land unconquerable, the grand and prominent realm, the royal and delightful capital city full of nine noble gems, the highest royal building and grand palace."

To the rest of the world, it is Bangkok, a once-sleepy river town grown into a sprawling megalopolis of more than 5 million people, combining within its ill-defined limits all the woes of urban life in a developing country and few of its amenities.

By whatever name, next year Bangkok will celebrate its 200th birthday. At the same time it will pay tribute to its 200-year-old monarchy, which reigns — but does not rule — to this day.

The bicentennial party comes none too soon. If the experts are right — and the evidence suggests that they are — Bangkok is sinking so rapidly that the city will be under water by the end of the century, if not by the end of the present decade.

Because of its insatiable demand for its underground water resources, the city has sunk a foot in the past three years. Because it is already barely above sea level and is situated on a delta only 25 miles from the sea, Bangkok does not have much room to spare in its effort to keep its head above water.

Meanwhile, the city shows some signs of sprucing itself up for the bicentennial.

As is the case with so many things in Thailand, not everything about the bicentennial celebration is clear. Foreigners, for example, are baffled because the Thais call the Bang-

kok bicentennial the Rattanakosin Bicentennial.

A simple explanation for this is that Bangkok's first official name was Rattanakosin. But that is too simple for Thailand, where things are seldom what they seem.

A government brochure attempts to set the record straight in these words: "The nation is not celebrating the Bangkok Bicentennial, nor the Thailand Bicentennial. It is quite specifically the Rattanakosin Bicentennial," because that name "denotes a great period in Thai history."

Planning for the bicentennial celebration was late in getting started. This has aroused the ire of the Thai press, which is the most unfettered in Southeast Asia, even though Thailand is run by the military.

The bicentennial committee held its first meeting a year ago, but nothing more hap-

pened until last September, when somebody reminded somebody else that something ought to be done if there was going to be a bicentennial party.

Bangkok's leading banker and a former deputy prime minister, Boonchu Rojanstein, voiced the misgivings of a good many foreign businessmen, not to mention skeptical Thais, when he said in a recent speech that he had detected a "sense of disbelief verging on pessimism" toward the bicentennial. Some people, he said, believe it is already too late.

"Where is the sense of direction?" he asked. "Above all, can Thailand rise to the occasion?"

Because Boonchu is head of private-sector planning for the bicentennial, his answer was understandably a resounding affirmative. But at the same time, he conceded, there is a lot to be done.

Unfortunately for the tourist industry, one of Thailand's leading money earners, planning for the bicentennial came too late to be exploited abroad. Tourism has taken a sharp drop because of a global recession, hotel operators point out, and the bicentennial could have provided a much needed shot in the arm with sufficient planning.

A Thai official took a broader view. He said tourists "are always welcome" but added that the bicentennial fete is for the Thai people. The problem, he said, "is to convince people out in the countryside that this is their party and not just for the Bangkok elite."

Bangkok has been skimming the cream off the country's wealth for 199 years, and the rural people are going to require a lot of convincing.

There are plans to establish bicentennial committees throughout the country, down to

the 52,835 villages. But one Thai official confessed that he is not optimistic about this.

The foreign business community is doing its bit toward making the birthday party a success. The British are producing a television series on the virtues of the Thai monarchy. The Americans have pledged \$25,000 to provide 25 water tanks for rural elementary schools.

The celebration is scheduled to begin next April with a display of pomp and ceremony. Precisely 2,525 Thai dancers will perform classical dances under a full moon. The fleet of royal barges, in drydock since 1967 as an economy measure, will once again move along the Chao Phraya River.

But with people feeling the bite of inflation and the prices of everything going relentlessly upward, the government has refrained from going on a spending spree. It has set aside \$14.7 million for the bicentennial, but about 65 percent of this, officials say, will be spent on construction and such civic improvements as tree planting and road-resurfacing.

Still, while the Thais may welcome the birthday party, it promises no relief from the city's staggering problems.

Government officials talk about doing something about the annual rainy season flooding of Bangkok, but nothing is done. That sinking feeling that Bangkok citizens have is growing as the demand for subterranean water grows.

More ominously, Bangkok is no longer safe from flooding during the dry season. Hundreds of shops and homes were flooded recently when a high tide caused the Chao Phraya River to overflow its banks.



RARE SNOW LEOPARD: This leopard at the London Zoo gets a taste of the type of weather it is used to. The new zoo computer system matches it up with leopards at other zoos in order to perpetuate the species.

Zoo animal dating service matches up exotic species

By Charles Hillinger

APPLE VALLEY, Minn. (LAT) — Where does a lady leopard look for a date? why, a computer, of course. ISIS is the Egyptian symbol of fertility. ISIS is an acronym for a dating service for zoo animals.

Wild animals are getting scarce. Zoos are getting worried. Captive populations of many species may be the only source left.

The problem has given birth to the ISIS, the International Species Inventory System, a computerized dating service for zoo animals with headquarters here at the Minnesota Zoo.

"Playing matchmaker for zoo animals is a major function of ISIS," Nate Flesness, 34, the program director, said.

In years past, when animals died, zoos would buy replacements for them from animal dealers who got them from the wild.

But many wild animals are no longer available because of a spectacular loss of natural habitat and new laws that forbid taking threatened and endangered species out of the wild.

So, stepped-up measures are being taken to mate captive animals. This is where ISIS comes in.

The computer provides the opportunity to mate the best available males and females to avoid inbreeding.

"We keep track of what animals are out there," Flesness said. "Who's got what. Eligible males and females. Genealogy background. The bluebloods of the animal world."

ISIS is the census bureau for wild animals in captivity at 120 zoos throughout the world as well as 30 private animal facilities.

It also serves as the stud book of zoo animals — like the American Kennel Club does for dogs.

ISIS has current, computerized records on 50,000 living animals in zoos as far flung as Ellington, New Zealand, Helsinki, Finland, and zoos in Asia and South America, as well as scores of zoos in the United States and Canada.

Twenty percent of the animals in zoos are moved each year for breeding purposes. The zoos split the offspring. "We know when every animal moves from one zoo to another. We keep track of every issue from each mating," Flesness said.

ISIS is the brainchild of two Minnesota biochemists, U.S. Seal and Dale Makey.

Twice a year, participants are sent updated information on the complete inventory of 50,000 animals, with ample background on each individual.

Participation in ISIS cost \$1 per animal in a zoo's inventory. Some zoos, like San Diego and New York for example, have as many as 3,000 to 4,000 animals. From a modest beginning in 1973, ISIS continues to grow each year. East Germany and Czechoslovakia zoo representatives have met with Flesness and said they are planning to join the program.

Oh, yes, the lady leopard looking for a date.

She belongs to Roxy Engesser's Exotic Felines, the smallest zoo participating in the unique computer program. Engesser has seven large cats — three Siberian tigers, three leopards and one Bengal tiger. Engesser travels the east coast exhibiting her animals and lecturing about them.

The Florida leopard will be getting together next week with a California leopard, thanks to ISIS.

Filter cigarettes make heart disease much more likely

By a science correspondent

LONDON People who smoke cigarettes with filters may be more likely to develop heart disease than those who smoke non-filtered cigarettes, according to a new health survey.

These findings are the latest to emerge from a multi-year project in which regular health checks were conducted on some 3,700 town residents of Framingham, Massachusetts. The study was sponsored by the National Institute of Health in Washington, D.C. to identify predictors of heart disease.

The researchers found that even when the possible effects of blood pressure, cholesterol and age were taken into account, the risk of heart disease among filter cigarette smokers seemed no better than that of non-filter smokers. Carbon monoxide is the culprit, they said, and filters don't always reduce its damaging effect.

Low-tar and low-nicotine brands of cigarettes aren't any better, they added, and may in fact increase the smoker's dose of carbon monoxide. Other studies have already shown that people smoking low-nicotine cigarettes compensate by taking larger puffs.

World Food Program takes over

UNICEF ends Cambodia activity

BANGKOK, Dec. 30 (AFP) — The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) hands over its Cambodian operations to the World Food Program on Jan. 1 after a two-year period during which it ran the biggest U.N. aid program since World War II.

The UNICEF withdrawal from Cambodia comes at a time the country still faces a 1982 food shortage worse than that of 1981, mainly because floods and drought ravaged tens of thousands of hectares of rice paddy fields recently mainly in the Mekong River provinces and the Tonle Sap Lake district.

It was in September 1979 — when tens of thousands of starving Cambodians who suffered under the Khmer Rouge regime from

1975 to 1979 moved over the border into Thailand, that the U.N. appointed UNICEF as the lead agency for all its operations both inside Cambodia and at the border.

The United Nations feels that the situation in Cambodia has now stabilized, even if it remains somewhat fragile, and could even take on emergency proportions any time.

Jacques Baumont who has been in charge of the UNICEF Cambodian emergency program for the past two years, told A.F.P. that there were still an estimated 300,000 Cambodians living a precarious existence in the border region who would still require aid in 1982.

He explained that the UNICEF withdrawal would not affect these people and that the food aid they had received through UNICEF would be handled by the World Food Program.

UNICEF's decision to pull out was taken in May this year by the organization's administrative council on the grounds that it had made a "sustained effort" in Cambodia in recent years and that it could no longer allocate a disproportionate part of its resources for "violent emergencies" sparked off by war.

Baumont said UNICEF felt it had to meet the "silent emergency of children in developing countries." In the wake of this exceptional program, he felt it was safe to say that food distributed at the Cambodian-Thai border had, to a reasonable extent, found its way to Cambodian civilians and that the U.N. had means of checking this.

On the eve of the New Year, the Cambodian food situation has however worsened. Both the Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh and the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said that exceptional floods and a prolonged drought had destroyed about 480,000 acres of paddy fields during the rainy season.

The FAO estimates that the 1982 rice deficit will be at least 278,000 tons. It has therefore recommended that the minimum aid for Cambodia from Socialist countries should be 100,000 tons with a similar amount from the international community.

Reagan told to free Haitians

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Dec. 30 (AFP) — Roman Catholic leaders in this U.S. territory have urged President Ronald Reagan to release 795 Haitian refugees held at an old U.S. Army base here where a riot broke out.

"We appeal to your sense of freedom, and plead for the freedom of the Haitian refugees on humanitarian and Christian grounds before this festive season is completed," they said in an open letter to Reagan.

A Catholic deacon, Father Jesus Maria Pagan, asked all Puerto Ricans to place lighted candles in their windows as a "symbolic repudiation of what is happening at Fort

Allen." This echoed President Reagan's request that U.S. citizens make the same gesture to protest events in Poland.

Fort Allen consists of tents surrounded by barbed wire fences. The riot broke out when officials attempted to set up more fences.

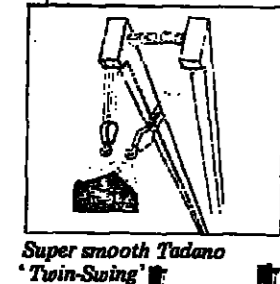
In Florida, clashes erupted last Sunday around the Krome North camp near Miami, when police used tear gas and clubs to break up a demonstration by 500 Haitians supporting 600 compatriots then on hunger strike in the camp. The Haitians at Krome held the hunger strike to demand release and protest at conditions in the camp.

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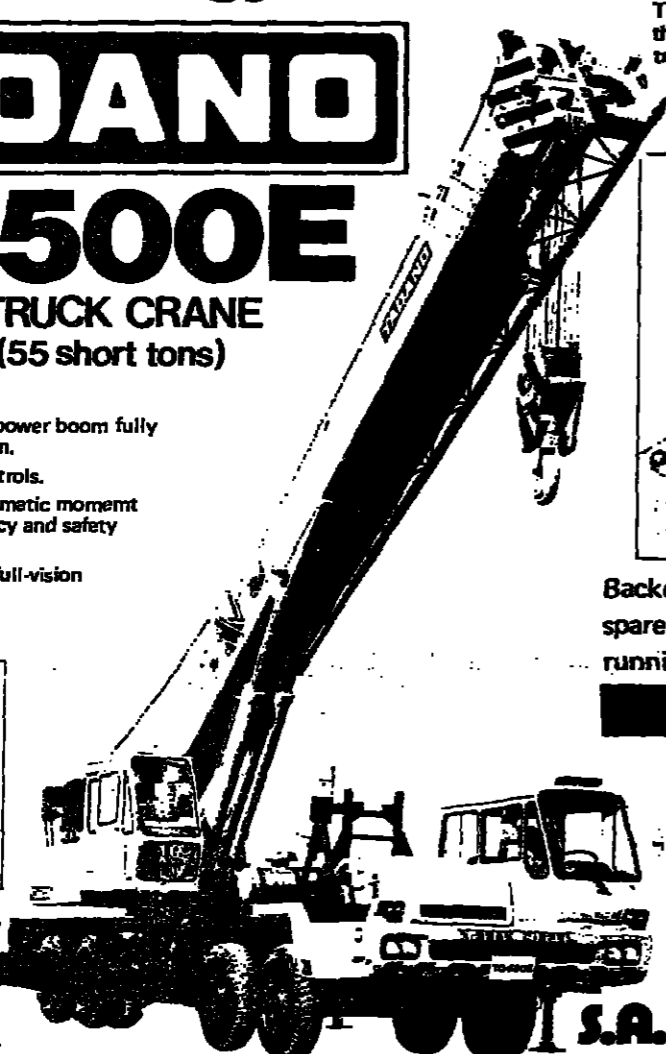
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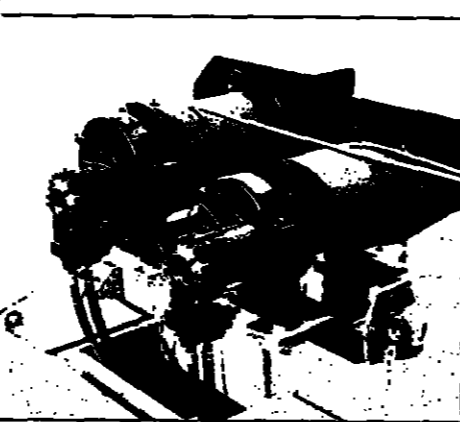


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SCHMIDT'S VACATION: West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, center, strolls on Sanibel Beach, Florida, Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by security guards and press. Schmidt is currently vacationing in America.

Terrorism rising in U.S., FBI chief says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP) — FBI Director William H. Webster said Tuesday that the number of terrorist incidents inside the United States rose in 1981 for the first time in four years.

At a year-end session with reporters, Webster said that there had been 43 identifiable terrorist incidents this year up to now. That number is still below the figure for 1977 the year before Webster took over as head of the FBI.

In 1977 there were 100 incidents. The figure dropped steadily to 55 in 1978, 42 in 1979 and 29 in 1980. Webster said the bureau has not made a final analysis of the reason for the increase. But he said that two new terrorist groups emerged in this country during the year, one opposed to Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, and an Armenian group, which Webster said was seeking vengeance for 1915 atrocities in Armenia.

He said that the other major sources of terrorist incidents included Croatians seeking independence of their region from Yugoslavia, anti-Castro Cubans such as the Omega 7 group and several groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico.

"With the exception of the Puerto Rican groups none of these causes involve this country," Webster said. "The Puerto Rican groups are different. That's our problem." He said the Puerto Rican situation "could be an Achilles' heel providing an opening for Cuban involvement."

Lonely Cambodian takes life

MOBILE, Alabama, Dec. 30 (AP) — A Cambodian man, destitute and weary of his lonely life in this country, wrote "no more meals" in his diary, then apparently starved to death in a fish-net hammock 200 feet from a busy highway, officials say.

Empty meat tins and empty boxes of crackers were found near the skeletal remains of 32-year-old Khly Chhay. The only money in his billfold was a nickel (five cents). Nearby lay his diary.

Baldwin County Coroner Huey Mack said Tuesday that Chhay apparently starved, although the remains left no positive clues to the exact cause of death.

Michelle Johnson of Catholic Social Services said Chhay — a college graduate with no known relatives here — led a lonely life in the United States even though he had contact

with other Cambodians and an American sponsor.

"He had lost his last job. He was totally depressed and refused mental health care," she said. A timber crew discovered the skeleton a week ago, in the nylon hammock in an wooded area of Interstate 10, near the Malbis exit in southern Alabama.

Chhay's billfold also contained telephone numbers, a social security card, an Alabama driver's license with a Mobile address, and a picture of him in a uniform.

Mr. Johnson said Chhay arrived in the United States about seven years ago to take part in a pilot training program at Keesler Air Force Base at Biloxi, Mississippi. Allen Rod, a spokesman for Keesler, was unable to confirm Chhay's participation in the program.

Guinea-Bissau said freeing Cabral

LISBON, Dec. 30 (AP) — Former President Luis de Almeida Cabral, detained since his overthrow in an intra-party coup 13 months ago, is to be freed and flown out of Guinea-Bissau Wednesday, according to diplomatic sources here.

Release of the 50-year-old Cabral, who led the impoverished West African nation for its first six years of independence, was apparently timed to keep a promise by the country's new government to free the former head of state by the end of the year.

Asked of reports carried by Portugal's

National News Agency that Cabral would be released from custody and flown to exile in Cuba, Andre Corsino Tolentino, the ambassador of neighboring Cape Verde in Lisbon, confirmed the plan had been set for Wednesday.

But Tolentino stressed his knowledge of the planned release "came through my channels of information." The ambassador said that "there appears to have been an understanding worked out" for the former president to move on to Cuba.

Bargain-hunter, goat get checks

LONDON, Dec. 30 (R) — Bargain-hunter Victor Green and Billy the goat both got a lump in the throat when Selfridge's Department store opened its big sale Tuesday.

Green had camped outside the store for four chilly nights to be first in line to buy a 400 sterling (\$760) TV set on sale at 100 sterling (\$190), intending to resell it and donate any profit to a cancer research charity. But when the doors opened, the store gave him the TV set and presented him with a check for 750 sterling (\$1,430).

Then Billy, mascot for a brass band heralding the start of the sale, stepped in, snatched the cheque and ate it. Selfridge's promptly wrote out another check for Green, who has devoted himself to raising money for cancer research.

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In Latin America

U.S. report names violators of rights

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Human rights suffered a drastic setback over the past year in Latin America, according to a report issued Thursday by the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, a liberal research organization representing U.S. religious, trade union and other groups.

"These reverses," it said, "were directly linked to policies adopted by President (Ronald) Reagan, particularly the 'quiet diplomacy' approach to human rights issue."

"Seemingly obsessed with the East-West dimension of hemispheric relations, the Reagan administration substituted militaristic, security-related considerations for a genuine concern for human life, with a catastrophic effect on the lives of Latin Americans," it said.

Naming the governments of El Salvador and Guatemala as the area's "worst human rights violators" for the second year, COHA accused them of nearly 30,000 civilian deaths. It called the record of neighboring Nicaragua "mixed," because of increases in arbitrary arrests and limits on political expressions. But it added:

"The Sandinista regime has shown admirable restraint in avoiding violent repressive tactics so common in the region."

The report condemned the Cuban government as mistreating some of its estimated

1,000 political prisoners, but concluded: "Although the human rights record of the Fidel Castro government has been decidedly negative it in no way compares to the brutal practices of such prime violators as El Salvador, Guatemala and Argentina."

In Argentina the report found "another wave of government-sponsored repression" in 1981 after a decrease in human rights violations in the two preceding years.

Liberalization also suffered a serious setback in Brazil, the report said. Conservative elements in the armed forces, it added, "stepped up a campaign of repression and terrorism aimed at the nation's resurgent trade union movement and nascent democracy."

Ecuador won the report's highest rating for Latin America, with praise for Panama and Venezuela as well. "Mexico's outstanding international leadership on human rights issues in 1981," the report said, "was once again offset by a continuing level of abuses within its own borders."

The report charged: "President Reagan suffers from a serious double standard in his policies, properly attacking human rights violations in Poland as well as the lesser misdeeds in some Latin American leftist states, while at the same time actively wooing right-wing dictatorships guilty of massive crimes that call for condemnation."



WAITING FOR SHARK: Dave Fisse, 37, rests on a rock in the Ocean near Pacific Grove, California, during hunt for a great white shark. Fisse suffered from cold water diving in wetsuit on first day of his hunt Monday and was rescued by a fishing boat but now wears a drysuit for warmth. He is offering \$1,000 to anyone willing to give 1,000 to one odds he won't catch a shark by his birthday May 25.

For further five years

Mrs. Mandela banned again

PRETORIA, Dec. 30 (Agencies)—Mrs. Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, has been banned for a further five years by the South African government, a police spokesman said here Wednesday.

Mrs. Mandela, 47, will remain restricted to the small town of Brandfort, about 50 kms north of Bloemfontein, where she has lived since she was ordered out of the black satellite city of Soweto near Johannesburg in 1977.

The previous banning order, served on her in December 1976 after bloody rioting in Soweto earlier that year, confined her to Brandfort, strictly limited the number of people who could visit her and stopped her being quoted in the South African press.

The Rand Daily Mail said Monday it understood there had been a slight relaxation in the conditions of the order, including restrictions covering visitors. Nelson Mandela, 63, the leader of the banned African National Congress, is serving a life sentence on Robben prison island off Cape Town. He was jailed in 1964 on charges of plotting violent revolution.

In another incident of apartheid, a former member of the black folk dance group Ipi Tombi asked to be transferred from her job

with a car hire firm at a Johannesburg airport after being invited not to drink her tea from cups "reserved for whites". The Rand Daily Mail reported Wednesday.

Miss Frances Tafane, 30, who toured Europe with the group and was a finalist in the Miss South Africa beauty contest, works for the South African affiliate of the giant Avis group. At the beginning of December she was posted to the small airport of Lanseria, some 20 kms from Johannesburg, the paper said.

Soon afterward her boss told her that "some people" had complained of her drinking her tea from their cups, and asked her to bring her own cup and teapot. Miss Tafane then requested to return to an Avis office in the city, and was allowed to do so.

She told The Rand Daily Mail, "I have met with that kind of thing many times before but it was just unbelievable that it should have occurred at an international airport." Avis Marketing Services Director Russell Olsner commented, "Miss Tafane took the matter very well."

The Rand Daily Mail also reported that ten blacks were fined 20 rands each after bathing at a beach reserved for whites at Port Elizabeth in Cape Province.

U.S. plane, survivors found

DENVER, Colorado, Dec. 30 (AP)—Rescue workers wading through deep snowdrifts in the Colorado Rockies found four survivors Tuesday at the site of last week's airplane crash. Dozens of avalanches thundered down the mountains and a search continued for a missing skier.

The plane was found after volunteers on the ground and in the air resumed a search for the source of an emergency locator signal first heard by commercial pilots Saturday deep in the mountains about 290 kms southwest of Denver.

Civil air patrol spokesman Bob Charleston reported a helicopter was on its way to the scene where a ground rescue team found the

survivors. Charleston said the survivors told rescuers that the plane's pilot left the scene last Thursday, in search of help and had not been heard from since.

At least 85 avalanches—some of them intentionally triggered by dynamite—have occurred in Colorado since a fierce storm blew into the region over the weekend, the U.S. Forest Service said. Blizzards persisted in some areas Tuesday.

As bitter cold pushed the mercury well below zero (F) from the Northern Rockies across North Dakota into northwestern Minnesota, a new Pacific storm hit the upper west coast and heavy snow warnings were posted across much of Oregon.

American judge, attorney indicted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (R)—A federal grand jury in Miami indicted a U.S. District Court judge and a Washington attorney on charges of conspiracy to commit bribery and obstruction of justice.

Judge Alcee Hastings of Miami and Attorney William Borders face four charges, one of which states that they agreed to accept \$150,000 in exchange for reducing the sentence of two defendants tried before Judge Hastings in December 1980 and sentenced by him last July.

The Justice Department, which released copies of the indictment, said they had also

been charged with conspiracy to commit bribery and to defraud the United States and with obstruction of justice. The case follows an undercover operation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in which a retired FBI agent posed as one of the two defendants sentenced in July.

Judge Hastings, the first black to sit on the federal bench in Florida, was appointed by President Carter in 1978. Borders, 42, is a National Bar Association past president.

They face a maximum penalty on each charge of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

BRIEFS

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—At least 185 persons were killed and 146 others are missing in the wake of typhoon Lee which slammed across the central Philippines last weekend, destroying 24,808 homes, relief agencies said Wednesday. Officials said 1,586 persons were injured in four hard-hit provinces which President Ferdinand E. Marcos has placed under a state of calamity.

LONDON (AFP)—The bear hunt that had police marksmen and helicopters combing London's Hackney marshes for three days turned out to be a wild goose chase, if

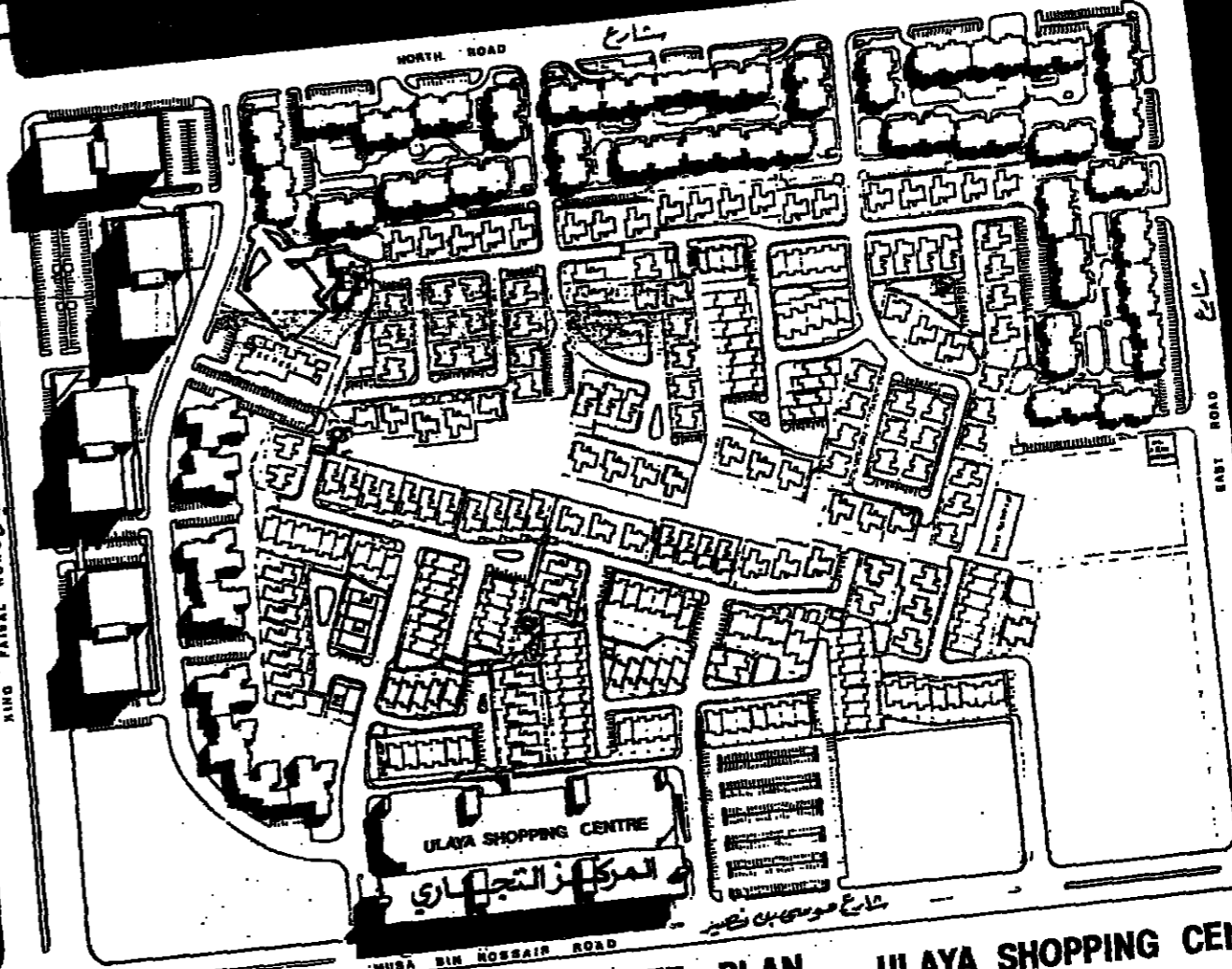
the author of an anonymous telephone call to The Sun newspaper is to be believed. The search began after children reported seeing bear tracks in the snow. Police took the case seriously because the dismembered bodies of two bears had been found in the same area.

NEW DELHI (AFP)—The Ganges waters are highly polluted and the river in certain places is now usable only for navigation purposes, an official study has shown. The study warned that vital interests of millions of inhabitants in the Ganges basin would be severely affected.

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In transport, mining sectors

Chain of strikes may hit U.K. in January

LONDON, Dec. 30 (Agencies) — A threatened strike by British train drivers slated to begin Jan. 13, another by 54,000 workers at Ford's motorworks, combined with the threatened strike of the 225,000 coal miners, would certainly deal a severe blow to the nation's economy, according to observers.

Trouble is brewing, too, in the nationalized steel sector, not only over pay rates but also because the management, pointing to the industry's financial woes, is refusing to cut the working week from 40 to 39 hours.

Britain faces rail disruption next month, including a two-day shutdown, after leaders of British train drivers voted Tuesday to strike for a pay rise which was promised and then withheld. The drivers' union is angry because Britain's state-owned railways' refusal to pay a three percent increase due next month, the last instalment in an 11 percent annual increase agreed upon earlier this year. The union has opted to strike Jan. 13 and 14, and ban overtime and rest day working. The management, facing financial losses, says it is refusing to pay because the drivers are not improving productivity.

On Jan. 5, the 54,000 manual workers at Ford's are due to start an indefinite strike

after turning down a 7.4 percent wage offer. The now left-led National Union of Miners is also expected next month to urge a strike vote by its 225,000 members, in answer to a 9.4 percent offer.

Britain in 1981 has seen its quietest year of labor strife for 14 years, because of the worst recession in more than half a century accompanied by the first real terms drop in income for many years. But storm clouds are gathering for the coming 12 months.

In the past year, provisional government figures show that strikes led to 3,800,000 man-days work lost, against 11,960,000 in 1980 and the all-time high of 29,470,000 in 1979. The 1981 figure was the lowest since 1967, and would have been even lower but for a five-month pay dispute in the civil service which alone caused 850,000 days lost. As real wages have declined, unemployment has risen to around three million or more than 12 percent of the workforce, despite early retirement and artificial job schemes.

Employees with an axe over their jobs have evidently been unwilling to risk confrontation with firm managements and those who count in government, while rank and file workers have in some instances preferred to ignore union strike calls.

By end of '82

Venezuela to hike oil production

CARACAS, Dec. 30 (AP) — The Venezuelan oil industry aims to maintain its production at 2.2 million barrels per day in 1982, a "tremendous endeavor" considering that many of the nation's wells are old. Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti has said.

Calderon Berti said the average yield of a well in Venezuela is 173 barrels per day, compared to 240 barrels per day four years ago. The energy minister, speaking at a news conference after a board of directors meeting of the national oil monopoly, Petroleos de Venezuela, said investments in production would total \$1.76 billion, in 1982. Total investments, including input in refining, research, petrochemicals, purchase of new tankers and the domestic oil market, will reach some \$2.7 billion, he said.

The oil industry, whose income in 1981 was \$17.3 billion, will spend \$3.62 billion in operations next year, he said. A major goal for the industry in 1982 will be to "maintain its rhythm of expansion," with emphasis in exploration off-shore, in the country's eastern Orinoco oil belt and in border areas.

Petroleos de Venezuela will drill 208 exploratory wells and 1,100 development well and will recondition or repair 2,020 wells in the coming year.

Venezuela aims to increase its production potential to 2.47 million barrels per day by the end of 1982, although actual production will remain at 2.2 million barrels, making this nation the second largest exporter in the Organization Petroleum Exporting Countries, OPEC, Berti added.

Referring to recent criticism that the oil industry had been taking on too many personnel since nationalization six years ago, Berti said Petroleos de Venezuela would keep growing as long as it keeps expanding. "The moment will come when the rhythm of growth will level off, maybe in three or four years," Berti said. He said increased personnel costs can be attributed to more work required for production in overused wells and increased exploration.

Recently, Central Bank President Leopoldo Diaz Bruzual warned that the oil industry's hiring pace was too fast and its salaries were too high.

Kuwait issues \$1.4b bonds abroad in seven years

KUWAIT, Dec. 30 (AP) — Eight investment and financial houses here made international bond issues totaling \$1.47 billion during the seven years ending this December, the government announced Wednesday.

The issues were made in favor of 64 international borders in 18 countries including Japan, France, Sweden, Finland, Spain, Yugoslavia and others. The Kuwait houses that led, co-managed and contributed to the bond issues were the Kuwait International Investment Company, Kuwait Foreign Trading Contracting and Investment Company, Kuwait Investment Company, the Arab Financial Consultants Company, the Financial Group of Kuwait, the Kuwait Financial Center, the Kuwait International Finance Company, and the National Bank of Kuwait.

Among the key borrowers were the Korean Development Bank, the African Development Bank, Banco Nacional de Credit Rural (Mexico), Finnish municipalities, and the Republic of Indonesia. Also included on the borrowers side were Mitsubishi Heavy Industries of Japan, the city of Stockholm, the Swedish Export Credit Corporation, the Republic of Panama and Credit Lyonnais, said the announcement.

The Kuwaiti group also made 23 domestic bond issues totaling \$350 million in favor of local businesses during the 1978-81 period added the announcement.

Russia plans big jump in energy output

MOSCOW, Dec. 30 (AFP) — A big jump in overall energy output is planned by the Soviet Union in time for 1985, the party newspaper Pravda reported Wednesday.

The 1985 target is equivalent to 2,300 million tons of conventional fuel, or 300 million tons more than in 1980. Planned for annual output up to 1985 are 630 million tons of oil, 630,000 million cubic meters of natural gas, 775 million tons of coal, 220,000 million kilowatt-hours of nuclear power and 230,000 million kilowatt-hours of hydro-electric power.

Noting that the USSR is the only industrialized nation that has no need to import energy, Pravda said nuclear plants were being set up in European USSR on the priority, so as to reduce movement of fossil fuels from east of the Urals. It also recalled that large new hydro-carbon deposits were recently found in western Siberia.

American trade deficit may hit \$42.4 billion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP) — The United States' foreign trade deficit reached \$4.41 billion in November, pushing the total for the first 11 months of this year past the figure for all of 1980 and threatening the record red ink of 1978, new government figures have indicated.

The merchandise trade deficit — which includes oil, farm products and manufactured goods but not services and investments — reached \$38.4 billion through November, about \$2 billion more than for all of last year, the Commerce Department reported. And if December's imports outweigh exports by as much as November's \$4.4 billion, the 1981 overall figure will pass the \$42.4 billion record of 1978.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige commented some time ago that the deficit this year probably would be "several billion" higher than last year. But commerce officials refused to speculate Tuesday on whether December's expected deficit would be big enough to surpass the old peak. "Just looking at your monthly average (about \$3.5 billion) it's better than an even bet" that December will show a sizable

deficit, said department economist Ago Ambre. "But nobody can forecast the trade balance" month to month, he added.

November's deficit was an improvement over October's \$5.3 billion with overall imports dropping 3.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted \$23.53 billion and exports rising 0.4 percent to an adjusted \$19.12 billion. Among the three major categories, the biggest change was in manufactured goods, which showed a November deficit of \$803 million, about half the size of October's \$1.52 billion. That change included a \$328-million drop in imports of foreign cars and small increases in a wide variety of exported products.

Ambre said that recessions, such as the one now being suffered in the United States, tend to bring down imports since people can't afford to buy as many foreign goods.

The slight improvement in oil imports was misleading, however, since it was due only to the fact that November had one less day for importing petroleum than did October.

Sharing of resources

Cancun follow-up discussions fail to start

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 30 (AP) — Despite the extraordinary meeting of world leaders in Cancun, Mexico, developing and industrialized countries failed to meet their goal of launching formal negotiations by the end of the year on how to more evenly share the earth's resources.

Nevertheless, U.N. General Assembly President Ismael Kittani of Iraq said at the assembly recessed for holidays last week that "we are very, very close to a real agreement." Kittani said recent events in Poland and the Middle East had kept the General Assembly from meeting its target before the holiday recess. "He expressed confidence that a consensus would be reached early in 1982." Among the issues are long-standing Third World demands for major changes in the rules of international economic relations.

The developing nations say they have been short-changed in the international market place. They say their major problems are inter-related and therefore want the talks on trade, finance, food and other issues to be tackled together — a format they call "global" negotiations. But some industrialized countries, fearing they would be forced to make concession on issues they say are not negotiable, want these topics to be discussed separately.

Both sides have been unable in more than 20 U.N. conferences over the last decade to agree on how negotiations should be conducted, and where they should begin. In an effort to break the deadlock, 22 world leaders met Oct. 22-23 in Cancun in the first summit ever to focus exclusively on rich-poor relations.

Developing nations say the current economic order condemns them to continue exporting cheap raw materials while having to import increasingly expensive finished products from the industrialized world. The Third World wants to remedy this imbalance with a set of new rules that would include international agreements to protect commodity prices, increases in foreign assistance and changes in the world money system.

Developing countries say both rich and poor countries stand to benefit from what they call a new international economic order, resulting from global talks. If poor nations are given better opportunities, they say, their economies will expand and rich countries will benefit from larger markets for their products.

The European Economic Community announced early in 1981 that it supported the Third World-demanded global negotiations. The United States indicated it was cool to the idea, but made what many perceived as major concessions at two summits later in the year.

At a July 19-20 summit of leaders of the seven major industrialized nations in Ottawa, Canada, the United States agreed to join its European allies in calling for "global negotiations."

Up until then, the United States had objected to the term "global negotiations," saying these problems had to be dealt with separately and that some of them were not negotiable. U.S. officials say they still think the same way, but the Ottawa reference to "global" negotiations was seen by many as a shift in the Reagan administration's position.

China wants to set up units in India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 30 (AFP) — China has expressed interest in setting up joint commercial ventures in India, and in third countries with Indian collaboration, the Indian news agency UNI reported Wednesday quoting informed sources.

Talks are already under way to settle a border problem between the two big Asian countries, and other problems that have stood in the way of amicable relations.

Reliable sources commented Wednesday that it was too early to envisage Sino-Indian joint projects. There was no official reaction to Wednesday's news agency report. A three-member Chinese delegation, led by Dong Yougan, held talks with Indian entrepreneurs and businessmen last weekend and inquired about facilities available for foreign investment in India and export promotion measures.

The Indian side sought information from the Chinese delegation — representing the Council for Promotion of International Trade — on Chinese laws on joint ventures, and the equity to be held by them in these ventures, the agency said.

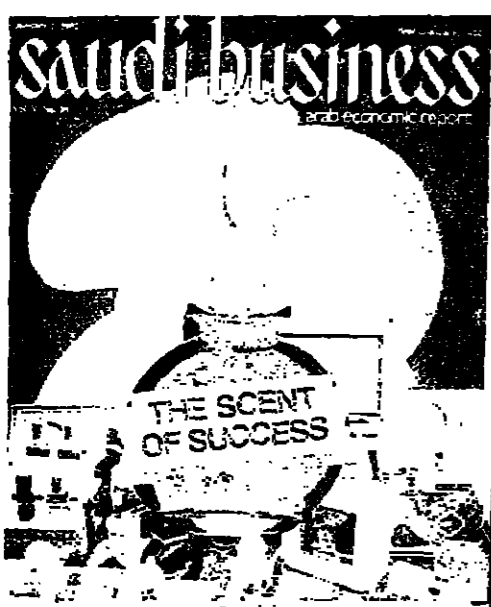
At the summit in Cancun, the United States agreed to sign a communique that recommends that global negotiations take place "at the United Nations."

Until then, the United States had opposed Third World demands that the talks be held at the U.N. General Assembly, where each country has one vote regardless of its size. The position of President Ronald Reagan's administration was that talks should be held at specialized agencies, such as the World Bank, where the major contributors enjoy weighted votes.

Diplomats say that despite Cancun's agreement to hold "global negotiations at the United Nations," the North-South dialogue is up in the air because both sides are still at odds over how the talks should be conducted. But Kittani, at his press conference last week, said global negotiations are stalled "because we have defined them to death." He proposed instead that the General Assembly issue "in the next few weeks" a resolution launching global negotiations, and that differences over the negotiations' content be worked out along the way.

India gets \$11m USSR cloth order

NEW DELHI, Dec. 30 (AFP) — The Soviet Union has ordered about 16 million yards of cloth from the state-run National Textiles corporation (NTC), for over \$11 million it was reported here Tuesday. Managing Director Moosa Raza was quoted as saying that the Soviet order was the corporation's biggest export deal so far.



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Aramco has set up a timetable for the transformation of the Safaniya-Tanajib area into an important hub for offshore oil and gas producing operations. Scott Pendleton talked to officials and filed a report.



NEW RULES FOR LAW FIRMS
The Commerce Ministry has issued new ground rules for the operation of legal firms in the Kingdom. Javid Hassan in Riyadh talked to Deputy Minister of Commerce A. Al Zamil for details of the new regulations and filed this report.

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Thorough reassessment planned

Mubarak giving top priority to economy

CAIRO, Dec. 30, (R) — With foreign policy options limited until April, President Hosni Mubarak is giving priority to putting the Egyptian economy back on course. He has identified the economy as his main concern and has called for a thorough reassessment before mapping out the country's economic goals.

There has been serious criticism from some groups who say the high level of subsidies must be brought down, Egypt's "open door" policy for foreign investment should be modified and clear guidelines established about the direction the economy should take. On taking office, Mubarak stressed that the investment policy, introduced by Sadat to attract foreign businessmen following the 1973 Middle East war, would continue. But it has been criticized because it has not brought as much investment as originally hoped for and financial sources believe there are likely to be changes to counter charges that it is only benefiting rich entrepreneurs and middle-men.

India stops repayment of Iran loan

NEW DELHI, Dec. 30 (AFP) — India has stopped repayment of an Iranian loan for the Kudremukh iron ore project, signed under the late Shah's regime, after allowing time for settlement of outstanding differences, the opposition newspaper Indian Express said Wednesday.

(KIOCL) signed two agreements in 1975 for an Iranian credit of \$630 million and an import guarantee of 150 million tons of Indian iron ore. However, only \$255 million of the loan were repaid and disbursements of the rest were stopped in October 1978. There were reports, at one stage, that the agreements would be scrapped. However, India made a repayment of \$8 million in February, 1979, during the recession of 1974-1975, rose in November to 8.4 percent from eight percent in October.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — A British firm has been asked to organize an international textile machinery exhibition in Peking from March 1 to 9, 1983. The company, Industrial and Trade Fairs International, will set up the show for the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade. This event is part of the Chinese textile industry's expansion and modernization program.

CAIRO, (R) — Egypt and the United States Tuesday formally put their bilateral nuclear energy cooperation agreement into force, enabling Egypt to buy its first atomic power stations. Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and the U.S. ambassador in Cairo, Alfred Atherton, exchanged diplomatic notes that brings into force the agreement signed last June. MEXICO CITY, (R) — Despite its vast oil wealth, Mexico has decided to clamp down on what it sees as gross wastage of its main natural resource. In an unwelcome package to motorists, the Mexican government more than doubled the price of almost all petrol to about \$1 a gallon (six pesos a liter) last week.

ECA official paints grim picture for Africa

ADDIS ABABA, Dec. 30, (AFP) — The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) executive secretary Adedeji Adedeji Tuesday painted a grim picture of Africa's economic situation in 1982 for both the continent's oil exporting and importing countries. In a year-end statement here, Adedeji said there were no immediate prospects for an increase in real terms in the price of oil for exporters while balance-of-payments constraints would not be removed quickly for the rest. This situation would remain even if there were slight recovery in the industrialized nations, he said. Adedeji said reductions in oil imports because of the large price increases of 1979-80 had led to cuts in energy consumption with disastrous consequences for economic growth. He forecast the 1981 overall growth rate in Africa as being between two and three percent, compared to four percent the year before, adding that per capita food production had continued to decline at the rate of about one percent a year over the past ten years. "Consequently, two-thirds of African countries are at present malnourished and most of them continue to be threatened by starvation," Adedeji noted. He said the value and volume of Africa's exports had declined because of lower demand in the industrialized countries and had fetched only \$28 billion in 1981 as against \$29.8 billion in 1980. However, the trade deficit would not greatly increase, he added, and would be around \$12 billion because imports had virtually stagnated at \$40 billion. Yet even this represented a loss of around five percent in gross domestic product (GDP) in current terms, Adedeji said. He called for external support to provide balance of payments relief for African countries in the short term and "at least double the current level of foreign assistance" in the present decade for the longer term.

Norway blames oil firms for high wages

OSLO, Dec. 30 (R) — Norwegian government and trade union leaders are accusing multinational oil companies of jeopardizing the country's labor relations by granting high wage settlements to offshore oil workers. They say the foreign oil companies operating most of Norway's offshore oil industry have put pressure on domestic firms and undermined Norway's centralized system of wage bargaining. Conservative Prime Minister Kaare Willoch and the chairman of the Trade Union Association, Tor Halvorsen, both accused the oil companies of giving in too readily to what they regarded as unreasonable wage demands. Hundreds of oil production workers, who earn up to \$40,000 a year whereas an industrial worker's average pay is \$15,000 on the mainland, staged strikes lasting several days to back pay claims. The oil companies granted additional increases after wage disputes had been settled through arbitration, which is compulsory when mediation efforts in key industries have failed and strike action could

threaten fundamental interests. In Norway, which has a record of industrial harmony, no union can end a contract, make a wage claim or call a strike without approval from the central union body. Industries Minister Jens-Halvard Bratz said it was the Norwegian state which actually paid for most of the recent wage increases in the offshore industries, resulting from illegal strikes. Bratz told Reuters that higher pay to oilmen meant less oil tax for the state because operating costs were tax deductible. Wage increases were therefore passed on to the state in the form of reduced tax revenues, he said. Higher pay for oilmen in the North Sea caused workers on the mainland to press for wage increases, with various professional groups comparing their pay with corresponding groups offshore. Wage increases being negotiated with oil companies after a series of illegal strikes could have dire consequences for moderate wage settlements with the mainland workforce next spring, the minister said. Bratz said higher wage costs would further

weaken the competitiveness of mainland export industries whose wage costs in the last 10 years had increased 35 percent above those of Norway's major trading partners. Higher pay to oilmen also drained mainland industries of skilled workers. Although oil companies had allowed themselves to be pressed into conceding to pay demands, the government would not accept any uncontrolled wage developments within the oil business or undermining of signed agreements, he said. The prime minister has warned foreign oil companies that stern measures will be taken to restore order in wage settlements, including revised tax rules which would cut their profits. In a recent speech at a union meeting, Halvorsen said he was not prepared to sit calmly by while oilmen were earning twice as much as those in corresponding jobs ashore. "If we allow ourselves to be dictated to by the multinational oil companies there will be dire consequences for the trade union movement and the entire Norwegian community," he said.

Reagan signs \$199b defense bill

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan signed a record \$199.7 billion defense appropriations bill Tuesday, calling it "just a beginning" of his plan to improve the United States' military might. In a statement released by the White House, Reagan hailed the bill as a significant step in this administration's commitment to enhancing the defense posture of the United States and of maintaining our responsibilities to the nations of the free world. "This is just a beginning. And in the years ahead, we will need to sustain the effort mandated by the American people and supported by the Congress so that we will succeed in strengthening

Gold remains below \$400

LONDON, Dec. 30 (AP) — Gold prices rose in London and Zurich but remained below the \$400 level in early trading Wednesday. The U.S. dollar fell against all key foreign currencies. Gold's stronger opening in Europe reflected a higher close Tuesday in New York following President Ronald Reagan's announcement of planned sanctions against the Soviet Union, dealers said. Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce): London 398.00, Paris 400.42, Frankfurt 399.03, Zurich 396.50, Hong Kong 398.65.

London stock market

LONDON, Dec. 30 (R) — Share prices closed firmer, extending Tuesday's trend, dealers said. At 1500 hours the Financial Times index was up 5.4 at 529.4. Further light buying interest in a thin market underpinned prices, outweighing the influence of a worsening UK industrial relations outlook, dealers added. Industrial leaders had ICI up 8p at 292p, Tate and Lyle 10p higher at 198p and gains of up to 6p in others such as BOC, Bowater, Glaxo and Blue Circle. Gold shares were mixed as the bullion price held steady at the lower level. Government bonds closed with gains of around 1/4 point. The firmer trend was prompted by year end book squaring buying and trading was quiet, dealers said. British Aluminium closed up 10p at 58p on further consideration of the closure of its loss making Invergordon Smelter, while major shareholder Tube Investments gained 8p to 128p. Oil was little changed, while banks added up to 10p.

China increases interest rates

PEKING, Dec. 30 (R) — China's main domestic bank has announced rises in interest rates and broader services to develop the banking system in line with the government's economic reforms. The People's Bank of China, the central bank, will raise interest rates on deposits and loans next April 1. Rates for Chinese savers will go up to between 5.8 and 7.9 percent for one to five-year deposits from between 5.4 and 6.8 percent. To compensate, the cost of loans to industry, commerce and agriculture, including to individual peasants, will be increased, the New China News Agency said Wednesday. The increases were aimed at accumulating more funds and putting the money to more efficient use, to help develop the national economy, it said. The bank hoped to absorb the increased amount to cash circulating among enterprises and individuals in the last few years due to post-Mao economic reforms.

U.S. stock market

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (AP) — The stock market was mixed Wednesday morning in another indecisive session on Wall Street. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 0.47 to 868.73 in the first half hour. But losers took a 3 to 2 lead over gainers in the early rally of New York stock exchange-listed issues. Analysts noted that hopes for a year-end rally had been fading over the past couple of days, with trading volume remaining light and stock prices simply drifting. The government reported Tuesday that the decline of the index of leading U.S. economic indicators slowed to 0.3 percent in November. But brokers said that still left investors in doubt about how soon the American economy might begin a recovery.

Foreign Exchange Rates

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To give Spurs thrilling win

Gervin mesmerizes San Diego

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (AP) — When the San Antonio Spurs' George Gervin takes over, about all the opposition can do is watch. "George is so outstanding it's difficult to stop him," says Spurs coach Stan Albeck. "We take him for granted here, and that's a shame."

Gervin scored 46 points and helped San Antonio derail San Diego, 119-107, in the National Basketball Association Tuesday night. Gervin's 16 points in the third quarter short-circuited a San Diego rally that actually put the Clippers up by one point on two occasions.

"When George is going like he was Tuesday night there is not much you can do," said San Diego's Michael Brooks, who scored 19 points. San Diego pulled within five, 110-105, with two minutes left, but San Antonio scored nine of the game's final 11 points.

In other NBA Games, Philadelphia defeated Golden State 142-135, Milwaukee downed Indiana 107-96, Washington got by Detroit 129-125, New York edged Chicago 111-108, Dallas defeated Kansas City 104-92, Atlanta beat Houston 102-93, Denver downed Boston 128-123, and Los Angeles defeated Utah 121-114.

76ers 142, Warriors 135: Julius Erving scored 34 points and helped the 76ers over-

take Boston for the lead in the NBA's Atlantic Division. Erving scored 14 of his points in the fourth quarter, including 8 of 8 free throws. Eight Philadelphia players scored in double figures. Bernard King led Golden State with 35 points, and guard World Free had 33.

Bucks 107, Pacers 96: Marques Johnson scored a season-high 22 points in 27 minutes of play, and Moncrief had 24 to boost Milwaukee over Indiana for the third time this season.

Bullets 129, Pistons 125: Greg Ballard scored eight straight points for the Bullets, and Washington overcame a 109-107 deficit late in the game to end a four-game Detroit winning streak. Two free throws by Ballard won Washington up by two, 121-119, and rookie Frank Johnson scored the final eight points for Washington.

Knicks 111, Bulls 108: Campy Russell ignited the Knicks on a 14-2 burst in the fourth quarter. Chicago led 92-87 early in the fourth quarter, but in the next 4:08, Russell and Sly Williams led a run that put New York up by seven, 101-94. Russell wound up with 24 points and Williams had 19. David Greenwood led Chicago with 19 points.

Mavericks 104, Kings 92: Jay Vincent, who has become Dallas' top scorer since the injury of Mark Aguirre, poured in 41 points, one

short of Aguirre's record set earlier this season. Dallas led by as many as 13 points in the fourth quarter.

Hawks 102, Rockets 93: Dan Roundfield scored 10 of his 35 points in the fourth quarter as Atlanta pulled away from Houston. The Hawks led by three, 76-73, with 9:30 to play when Roundfield began the Atlanta surge. John Drew added 25 points for the Hawks, and Moses Malone led Houston with 25.

Nuggets 128, Celtics 123: Denver won its fifth game in six, getting 32 points from Alex English and 22 from Kiki Vandeweghe. English scored 10 of his points in the fourth quarter, including a pair of free throws with 10 seconds left to put the game away. The loss was only the seventh 27 games for the Celtics, who were paced by Larry Bird, with 27 points, and Nate Archibald, with 26.

Lakers 121, Jazz 114: Jamaal Wilkes helped the Lakers hold off a late Utah charge, and the Lakers won their sixth game in a row. The Lakers led by 19 points late in the fourth quarter, but Utah cut the lead to four with a little more than a minute to play.

Wilkes then hit a jumper that put the Lakers up by six with 1:04 left and sealed the victory. Norm Nixon had 25 points and 10 assists for Los Angeles. Adrian Dantley scored a game-high 40 points for the Jazz.



Greg Ballard ... stars for Bullets

Table with 2 columns: Team, Points. Lists college basketball results for various teams like Iowa State, Hawaii, Cal-Irvine, etc.

Lillee fails in hat-trick bid

Aussies go one-up in seven minutes

MELBOURNE, Dec. 30 (Agencies) — Australia took only seven minutes and nine deliveries Wednesday to wrap up the first cricket test against the West Indies at the Melbourne Cricket ground.

Fast bowler Dennis Lillee trapped Michael Holding lbw with the first delivery of his second over to give Australia a resounding 58-run victory. Lillee had been on a possible hat-trick when the West Indies resumed at 154 for nine. His first delivery struck Colin Croft on the pads and went for four leg byes. It was Australia's first victory over the West Indies since 1978 when they scored a three-wicket win in Georgetown, Guyana.

It was the mighty West Indies' first defeat in 16 matches since they lost the first Test by one wicket in New Zealand in Dunedin in March 1980. The Melbourne Cricket ground has been a happy hunting ground for Australia with the West Indies having won only one of the nine encounters there.

Australia has taken a major step toward regaining the Sir Frank Worrell Trophy, but skipper Greg Chappell warned afterwards that the wickets in Sydney and Adelaide would suit the West Indies far better than the Melbourne Cricket ground.

The big crowd, allowed into the MCG free for the final day, watched anxiously when play started. Lillee had two balls left in his over from the previous night and still had the chance to get a hat-trick. But it was to be an anti-climax. After Lawson's over it was momentarily thought that perhaps Holding

and Colin Croft — number 10 and 11 in their team's batting order — could get the 66 runs the West Indies needed to win.

But the amazing Lillee quickly put paid to those suggestions. Bowling on the stumps, on a wicket badly cracked and virtually grassless, Lillee notched his 10th wicket for the match and ended one of the best Test games seen for many years. The match will first and foremost go down in the history books as "Lillee's Test." The fast bowler not only took out the world record for the number of Test wickets taken but also put Australia well on the way to regaining the "world's best team" tag right from under the West Indies.

Chappell said the West Indies had been stung by their defeat and he expected them to come out fighting when the second Test gets underway in Sydney on Saturday. "We've got to try and make sure we're the best team in one of the next two Tests and I think we are good enough to do it," Chappell said.

Chappell was full of praise for the Australian selectors whom he said had not panicked after Pakistan's big win in the third Test at the MCG. "The selectors don't often get praise when they do something right, all they ever get criticism when they have done something wrong. The result is a credit to the selectors."

Chappell singled out the unbeaten century scored by his deputy Kim Hughes in the first innings as the most important contribution by either team. Deservedly Hughes was later named man of the match. But Lillee with 10

wickets and West Indian fast bowler Michael Holding with 11 also gave phenomenal performances. Chappell said he would include in his match report the fact that once again, the Melbourne Cricket ground was not up to first-class standard.

West Indian captain Clive Lloyd said afterwards his batsmen had little chance of winning the game because of the variable bounce the wicket had shown on Tuesday. "I don't mind a wicket taking turn late in a game, but when it plays as low as it did Tuesday you've got very little hope."

Lloyd praised the effort of Jeff Dujon who scored a fighting 43 in the West Indies' second innings in his very first Test match. Lloyd said Larry Gomes with scores of 55 and 24 had also shown great courage in his first Test match in Australia. The West Indies captain said he was not overly concerned at the double failure of Viv Richards. "I seem to remember Australia's best batsman not getting too many runs either," Lloyd said in obvious reference to Chappell.

The West Indies seem almost certain to call for a replacement with Test opener Gordon Greenidge's injured knee having made little progress. Greenidge was still hobbling around Tuesday and is expected to be sent home.

Although Lloyd did not disclose who had been placed on standby, it is believed to be experienced middle-order batsman Lawrence Rowe.

Vengeance comes out trumps

SYDNEY, Dec. 30 (AFP) — Vengeance, a 350,000-Australian-dollar (\$395,500) sloop purchased only a month ago, repaid its new owner in full with victory Wednesday in the 630-nautical-mile Sydney-Hobart Ocean Classic.

Sydney property developer Bernard Lewis was overjoyed with the win of Vengeance, bought so recently from Perth sailmaker Robby Tasker, who formerly raced the sloop under the name of Siska. The 23.5 meter Vengeance crossed the finishing line with her huge red, white and blue spinnaker flapping ahead of a light breeze, three days 22 hours 30 minutes after leaving Sydney last Saturday.

The elapsed time was among the slowest of the past decade and more than a day outside Kialoa's record. Skipped by Dave Kelleit, Vengeance was aptly named since the Kelleit-Lewis combination narrowly missed line honors in a previous race with Grestel. Vengeance reached Hobart more than four hours ahead of her arch-rival, Condor of Bermuda, Bob Bell's rebuilt maxi, on its first big race since striking a Pacific coral reef in Tahiti 18 months ago.

Kelleit sailed a masterful race aboard Vengeance, choosing a course well out to sea and gaining the best of an unpredictable breeze. Astern of Vengeance and Condor of Bermuda came the Perth yacht Evelyn and Our town Newcastle.

A much-improved day for Britain's top southern Cross hope Yeoman saw the British team fightback in the Southern Cross Series which ends with this triple-points race. Robin Aisher's Yeoman was in fourth place on handicap and making good time with the other British boats Wes Willie Winkle 30th and Mayhem 40th.

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North Carolina beats Arkansas in Gator Bowl

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 30 (Agencies) — North Carolina freshman Ethan Horton was as big a surprise to himself as he was to the Arkansas Razorbacks.

Horton, a reserve quarterback most of the season, shared tailback duties with Kelvin Bryant Tuesday night and played a stellar role in the 9th-ranked tar heels beating the 17th-ranked Razorbacks, 31-27, in a fog-shrouded Gator Bowl.

"I didn't even expect to play," said Horton whose 144 yards rushing Tuesday night equaled his entire production for the regular season. "But when Tyrone Anthony (the No. 2 tailback) got hurt (early in the game), coach (Dick Crum) asked me to play tailback."

Bryant, as expected, gained 148 yards in the bowl game, just about his average, but Horton had two touchdowns to his one and the two wound up as co-holders of the most valuable player award.

"I'm glad Ethan was ready to go," said Bryant, a junior who scored 15 touchdowns in the first three games of the season and then missed four games and most of two others because of a knee injury. "I caught cramps at the end of the game in the back of my legs and I wasn't running as well as I might have."

In addition to the surprising performance by Horton, North Carolina, 10-2, after its third bowl victory in three years, also got a helping hand from the thick fog that rolled into the Gator Bowl Stadium off the nearby St. John's River.

The fog can be credited for the Tar Heel's first touchdown since it came three plays after Arkansas misplayed a high punt that sailed out of sight and turned the ball over at its 6 yard line.

"We enjoyed our stay in Jacksonville but I wish Jacksonville could get better weather," said Arkansas coach Lou Holtz. "The fog was on both sides of the field, though. I do think it's excuses. We had our chances to win the game."

In Uniondale, third-period goals by Mario Tremblay and Doug Jarvis just 1:18 apart gave the Montreal Canadiens a 5-4 National Hockey League triumph over the New York Islanders, snapping the Stanley Cup Champions' six-game winning streak.

In another match, Quebec beat Chicago 8-1.

Canada forges ahead

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota, Dec. 30 (AFP) — Canada took an overall lead in the World Junior (under 20-years) Ice Hockey Championships with a narrow 5-4 win over the U.S. Monday.

Canada now have a two points lead over Sweden and Czechoslovakia who also clashed Monday, the Swedes running out surprise 6-4 winners. In two other matches, Finland beat West Germany 8-4 while USSR beat Switzerland 11-4.

Two share chess lead

HASTINGS, Dec. 30 (AP) — Soviet grandmaster Viktor Kupreichik and British champion Paul Littlewood both scored second-round victories Tuesday and were tied for the lead in the IDL-Hastings International Chess Congress.

Kupreichik, playing black, developed a strong attack against former countryman Anatoly Lein, now a U.S. citizen living in Jersey City, New Jersey, and forced Lein to resign after 28 moves.

Littlewood, of Daventry, England, wielded a two-bishops attack against British international master Shaun Taulbut of Tūehurst, England, and won in 39 moves.

American grandmaster Larry Christiansen of Modesto, California, playing black, had a spirited struggle with British international master Jonathan Mastel, but neither could achieve a breakthrough and a draw was agreed after 35 moves.

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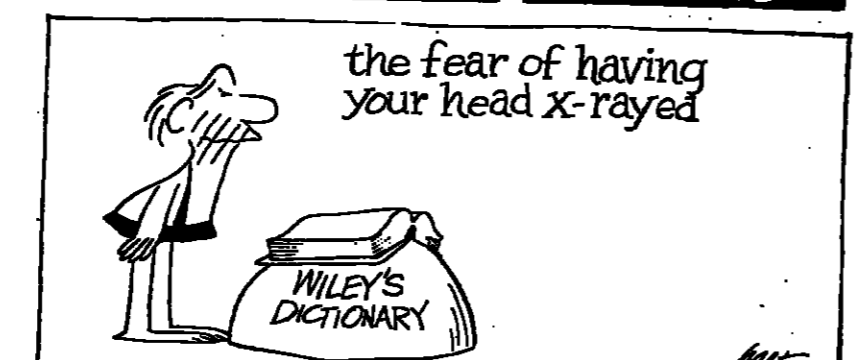
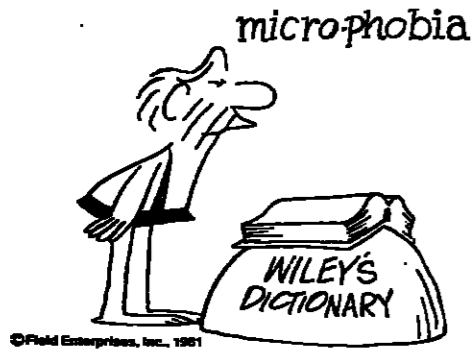
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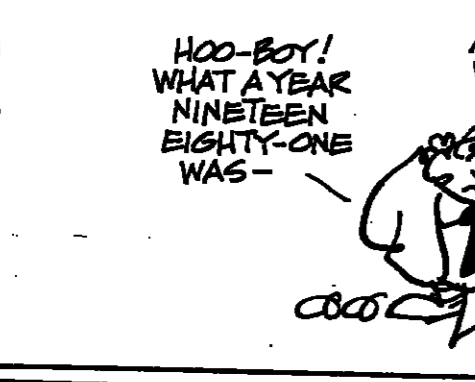
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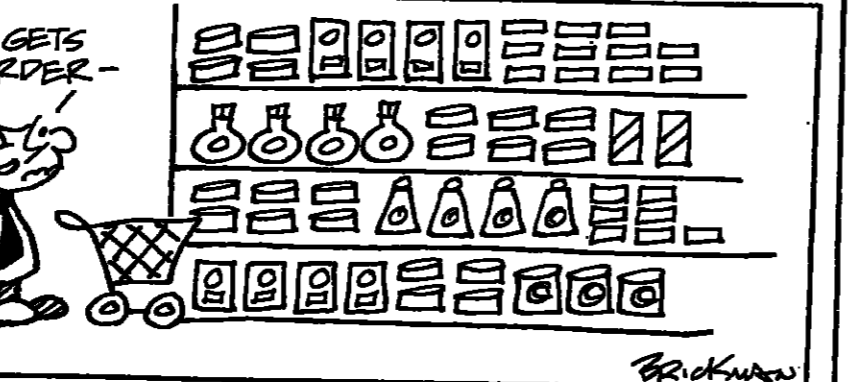
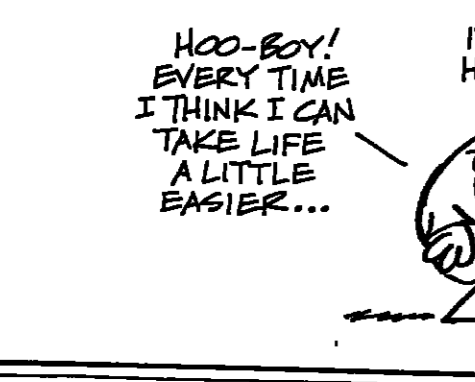
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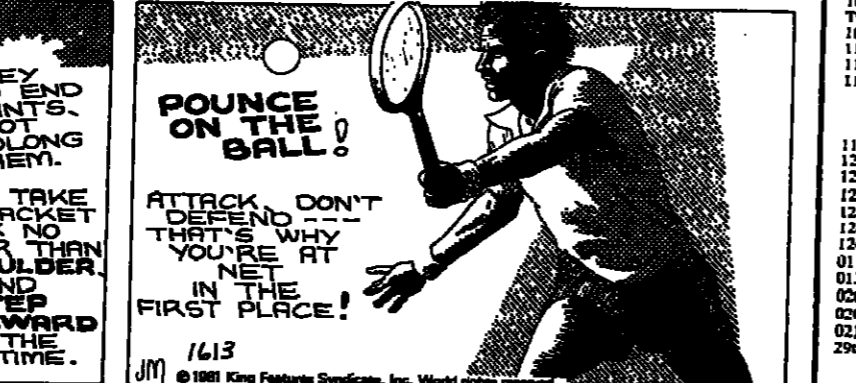
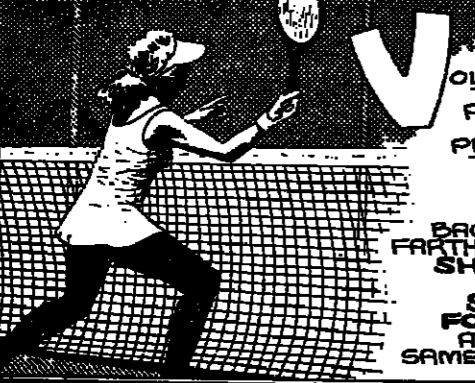
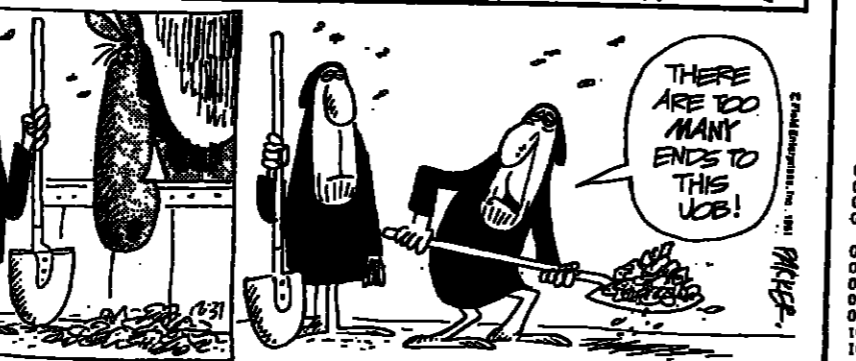
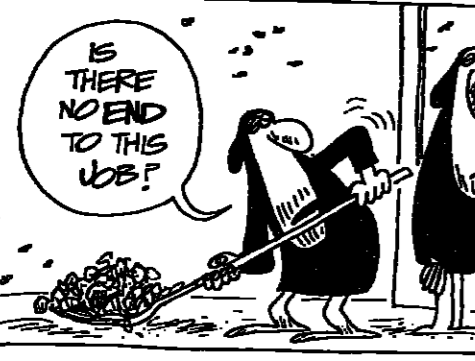
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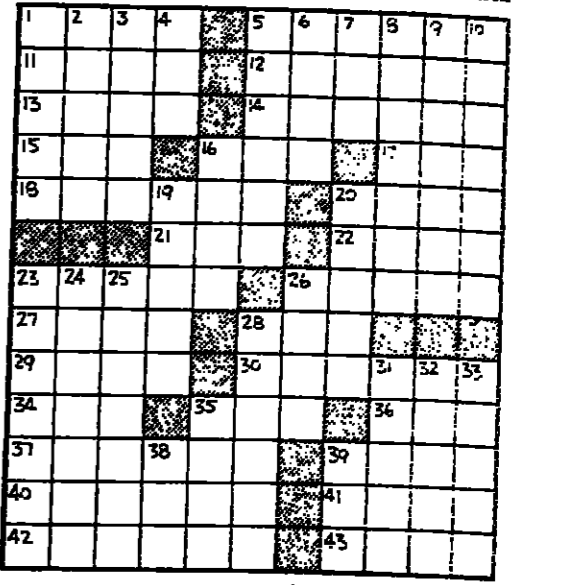
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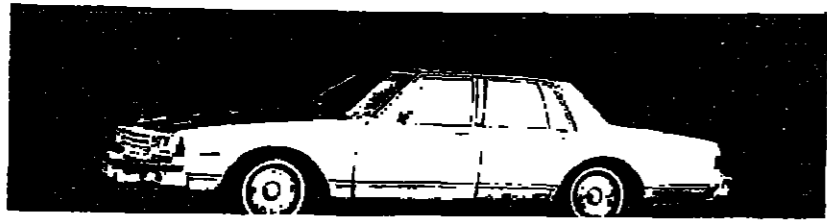
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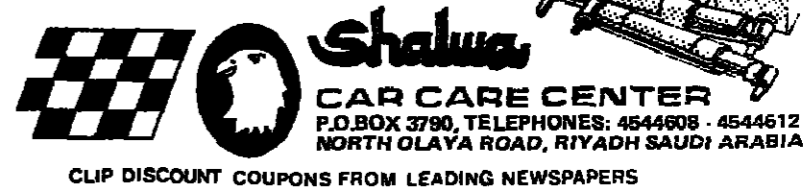


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Hundreds more join Search for Dozier enters new phase

VERONA, Italy, Dec. 30 (AP) — The government has sent hundreds of police and Alpine troops as reinforcements joining a force of 2,000 searching for kidnapped U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier.

Police officials said the search has entered a new phase, with emphasis shifting from the "blind combing" of a vast area in northern Italy to raiding specific locations pinpointed by informers and other sources.

"There are grounds for cautious optimism. ... I think we are moving in the right direction," said Guido Papalia, the government prosecutor directing the search. He did not elaborate. Dozier, 50, the highest U.S. Army official at the NATO base here, was kidnapped from his Verona home by Red Brigades terrorists Dec. 17.

About 100 police with dogs searched dozens of houses and stopped cars in a snow-covered town named Ponte Alto outside Trento Tuesday after receiving a tip that Dozier was being held there. The police, wearing bullet-proof vests and carrying machine guns, found no sign of the Red Brigades' hideout.

The officials said the reinforcements were rushed to areas north of Venice at the recommendation of field commanders. Premier Giovanni Spadolini said Tuesday Italy has the support of the U.S. government in its refusal to negotiate with the Red Brigades for Dozier's release.

He said the kidnapping, the first time a non-Italian has been abducted by the left-wing terrorist group, shows the Red Brigades are trying to gain international importance and want to transform their "armed movement" into an "armed party."

The Red Brigades, Italy's most feared urban guerrilla group which kidnapped and killed former Premier Aldo Moro in 1978, have made no demands for his return. But in earlier kidnappings they have requested the release of their jailed comrades and closing of top security prisons.

Two top officials in Verona — Peppino Nisci, the prefect or the central government representative and Lelio di Stasio, head of the anti-terrorist police — said Italian authorities were ready to pay "substantial" amounts of money for information leading to Dozier's release.

Col. Luciano Dalcheggio, spokesman for the NATO base, said he was aware of the offers made by the Italian officials. "I don't think it's unusual to pay for information in certain cases," he said.

A statement found with a photo of Dozier in Milan on Sunday declared "war" against NATO and charged that the United States "is seeking to impose its hegemony over the entire planet" through the Atlantic alliance.

The photograph, showing the general under the gang's five-pointed star symbol and holding a propaganda sign, was being examined in a police laboratory in Rome.

Senegalese OK union

DAKAR, Dec. 30 (R) — The Senegalese National Assembly unanimously approved the union of Senegal and the Gambia into a confederation to be known as Senegambia. Senegalese President Abdou Diouf must now promulgate a decree after which the union will take effect. Officials said no date has yet been fixed although they had earlier said the union would begin on Jan. 1.

The Gambian parliament also debated the ratification of the pact, Tuesday. Under the terms of the accord, the two West African states will merge their security forces and ultimately reach economic and monetary union.

Diouf will assume the presidency of the confederation with the Gambian president, Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara, as vice president.

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Other measures taken included press censorship, surveillance of communications, and decrees granting powers to close schools, to appoint or dismiss civil servants and to ban demonstrations or public association. It was not known if any of these measures — which are still in effect — would be relaxed before the elections.

On foreign policy, Evren reiterated that Turkey sees the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as "the principal guarantee of its security."

Evren said that "Turkey's emergence as an element of reliability and balance in our region,"

Soviets

ambitious natural gas pipeline project with the Soviets.

"It remains highly unlikely," the paper said, "that European governments will follow the American lead on sanctions. Britain has frequently declared itself opposed in principle to economic sanctions although it is admitted that its opposition is not necessarily absolute."

Britain's opposition Labor Party foreign affairs spokesman Denis Healey said Reagan's sanctions were "an error. They will have very little effect on the situation because very few of them take immediate effect."

Norwegian Deputy Foreign Minister Eivinn Berg said Norway will consult with other Western countries on a policy toward the sanctions. In Rome, a foreign ministry spokesman said the Italian government knew in advance of Reagan's measures and were in advance of Reagan's newspapers studying them. All major Italian newspapers front-paged the story without editorial comment.

In Turkey, a NATO ally, a commentary in

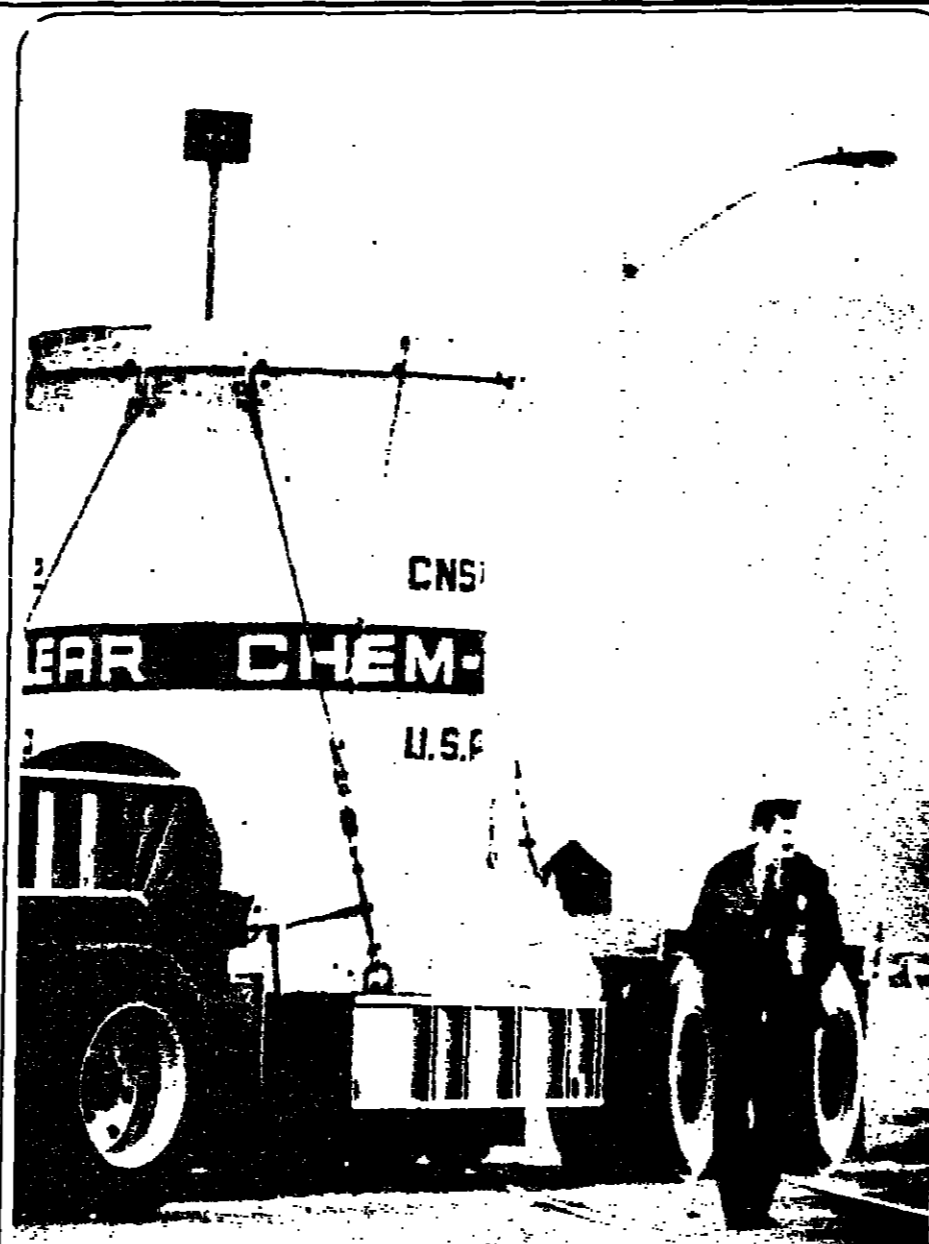
ion, which for several years has undergone a grave period of instability, will help to reinforce not only NATO's southeastern flank but also peace and security in the region." Meanwhile, it was announced that Evren will Jan. 11 begin an 11-day visit to eastern Europe, taking in consecutively Bulgaria, Romania and Yugoslavia.

Evren, who will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen, will discuss bilateral relations, regional questions, and latest developments in the international situation during his talks in the three countries.

the right-wing daily *Tercuman* said the sanctions were aimed at "repeating what the U.S. had done two years ago in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan ...

In Switzerland, Swiss conservative groups generally welcomed the sanctions but the president of the Swiss Social Democratic Party, Helmut Hubcher, sharply disagreed. He said the president was making the cold war more acute by "unnecessarily provoking" the Soviet Union "with his blind anti-Communism."

Meanwhile, energy experts said in London, Reagan's sanctions will probably prove no more than a nuisance to the Soviet Union in its bid to revive flagging oil production and pipe Siberian gas to the West. But the outlook would be graver for Moscow if Washington persuaded its European allies and Japan to join in denying oil and gas technology to the Russians. Belgium's foreign ministry said foreign ministers of the European Economic Community will meet to discuss Poland in Brussels Monday.



NUCLEAR WASTE: A tank containing nuclear waste from the Three Mile Island nuclear reactor, U.S.A., is removed from the area Tuesday. The waste is from the filters being used to clean the radioactive water from the Unit 2 reactor.

Against South Africa

ANC to step up attacks

LUANDA, Dec. 30, (AFP) — South Africa's banned black nationalist movement, the African National Congress (ANC), promises to step up its armed operations against the Pretoria government in 1982.

It has already given notice of its intentions in intensified guerrilla attacks over the past few weeks on public buildings, military installations, power supplies and police posts within South Africa.

One ANC leader warned here recently that "1982 will be the year of unity in action," as the organization held its first executive committee meeting in Luanda for two years. "We want to show the international community that the ANC is the alternative" (to the present regime), he added, recalling that Jan. 8, 1982 will be the 70th anniversary of the movement, the oldest of its kind in Africa.

ANC President Oliver Tambo, who was also in Luanda for the Afro-Arab solidarity conference, condemned the support of the United States for South Africa and the so-called "Tel Aviv-Pretoria axis."

"The people of South Africa are engaged in the process of struggle," he said. "South

Africa has tried to wipe out the South African liberation movements (but) that aim has been admitted impossible."

The ANC anniversary will commemorate "a string of events which reflect the patience and moderation exercised before we resorted to the armed struggle for the establishment of a democratic state," one leader said.

"This anniversary takes place when the apartheid regime is behaving like a wounded and surrounded beast. More aggressivity is likely to trigger the process that marks the beginning of the end."

According to the ANC, Pretoria's anxiety is betrayed by such events as the failed coup in the Seychelles — in which South Africa has denied involvement — attacks on southern Angola and sabotage in Zimbabwe.

During 1982 the ANC — the main South African black nationalist movement, the other being the Pan-African Congress (PAC) — will also step up its offensive on the diplomatic as well as the military front. This will involve approaches to Western nations and the United Nations. France has just allowed the opening of an ANC office in Paris. The 70th anniversary comes at a time when ANC guerrillas are becoming better armed and better trained — by the Soviet Union, Pretoria alleges.

Hopes raised for Italy crew

BREST, France, Dec. 30 (AFP) — Hopes were raised early Wednesday for the survival of some crew members of an Italian freighter that sank Tuesday off the Spanish coast, when a French reconnaissance plane spotted white smoke and a faint light. The 32,000-ton *Marina di Aquino* of Naples was carrying 30 men when it went down 280 kms west of La Corona (Spain).

No ships were close enough to render immediate assistance, but two French Navy planes dropped rubber life rafts in the area. French and British naval planes had joined the search Wednesday.

Spanish and French vessels searching the area Tuesday night, hampered by heavy seas and 80 kms per hour winds, found seven empty life rafts but no sign of survivors.

The ship was built at Glasgow in Scotland and went into service in 1972 under the British flag, being acquired by the Iavmare Company in May last year. Authorities said it left Naples Dec. 24 for Antwerp, Belgium, where it was to pick up a load of steel products for the United States. One report also said it was carrying fertilizer.

Authorities speculated that the ship lost one of its hull panels in heavy seas and developed a serious forward list before sinking.

Lloyd's Register of Shipping said the ship's home port is Castellammare di Stabia and is owned by the Iavmare Company.

With only Social Democrats Danish cabinet formed

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 30 (AFP) — Danish Prime Minister Anker Joergensen announced the formation of a new minority Social Democratic government Wednesday, three weeks after losses in a Dec. 8 general election forced a similar formation to resign.

The new government, which has only three new ministers, was unanimously approved by the Social Democratic members of parliament. It was presented formally to queen Margrethe II Wednesday.

Joergensen has said the new government, composed only of Social Democrats, would survive only if the political right — which tacitly approved a minority government — accepted his economic plans proposed during the election campaign.

That program was aimed primarily at fighting unemployment. Some rightist parties have balked at it, preferring to concentrate on controlling inflation. The election left the Social Democrats with 59 seats in parliament, a loss of nine. But the Social Democrats had more than double the representation of the conservatives, which have 26 members of parliament.

The composition of the government is as follows:

- Prime minister: Anker Joergensen.
- Foreign minister: Kjeld Olesen (unchanged).
- Defense minister: Poul Oegaard (unchanged).
- Finance minister: Knud Heinesen (replacing Svend Jakobsen).
- Economy minister: Ivar Noergaard (unchanged).
- Justice minister: Ole Espersen (unchanged).
- Interior minister: Henning Rasmussen (unchanged).

Florentines fear floods

FLORENCE, Italy, Dec. 30 (AP) — Florentines held their breath Wednesday as heavy rains swelled the River Arno running through this central Italian city and overflowed its banks in the nearby countryside, recalling the dramatic floods of 1966.

Storekeepers on the historic Ponte Vecchio bridge prepared to move their stock and other citizens drove their cars to the surrounding Tuscan hills.

The river level started worrying local officials Tuesday afternoon and rose to over four meters by the evening, more than a meter above a warning level designated to alert possible floods.

The officials said the Arno broke its banks 60 kms downstream near the tiny town of Pontedera, pouring into farmers' homes. No injuries were immediately reported. The river level fell Wednesday morning but was still above the warning mark.

Donovan prosecutor named

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (R) — A special prosecutor was appointed to investigate allegations that Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan was involved in a \$2,000 payoff to a union official by his former construction company.

The Justice Department said Tuesday New York Attorney Leon Silverman would look into Donovan's denial that he was present in a restaurant in 1977 when the alleged payment was made by officials of his New Jersey company to the local head of the laborers' international union.

In a statement the Justice Department said one of Silverman's main tasks would be to try to obtain testimony from the union official who was alleged to have received the payment.

The official has so far refused to give testimony on the advice of his lawyer. The department said it was impossible to complete the investigation into Donovan without exhausting all legal means to get the union officer's testimony. The Justice Department was called in after charges were made by a

(unchanged).

Industry minister: Erling Jensen (unchanged).

Labor Minister: Sverre Auker (unchanged).

Agriculture minister: Bjorn Westh.

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Energy Minister: Poul Nielson (unchanged).

Public works minister: J.K. Hansen (replacing Knud Heinesen).

Housing minister: Erling Olsen (unchanged).

Education minister: Dorthe Bennede (unchanged).

Minister for the environment: Lars Holst (unchanged).

Cultural affairs minister: Lise Oestergaard (unchanged).

Fisheries minister: Karl Hjortnaas (unchanged).

Religion and Greenland affairs minister: Tove Lindbo Larsen (unchanged).

Taxation minister: Mogens Lykketoft (unchanged).

Sub captain 'sentenced to Soviet camp'

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 30 (AFP) — The commander of the Soviet submarine that ran aground in a sensitive Swedish military zone in October has been sentenced to three years in a Soviet labor camp, a newspaper reported here Wednesday.

The regional Swedish daily *Skanens Dagbladet*, quoting reliable reports from sources close to the Soviet Navy Ministry in Moscow, said that Capt. Alexander Guahin was taken a month ago to a camp near Riga, capital of the Latvian republic in the north.

It was not immediately known if other members of the crew were also sent to a labor camp as a result of the incident, which caused considerable embarrassment in Moscow. The Swedish Foreign Ministry said it was unable to confirm the report that the Soviet submarine commander was sentenced to a "normal regime" in the camp near Riga.

Capt. Guahin's submarine ran aground about 15 kms from Karlskrona Navy Base in the south of Sweden. The Soviet government apologized to Sweden for the incident and blamed it on faulty navigational equipment, but Swedish officials claimed the sub was likely equipped with nuclear-tipped torpedoes and on a spy mission.

Donovan, former official of the union, Mario Montuoro, that Donovan, then a private citizen, was present when the money was handed over.

Donovan has denied he was ever in the restaurant. Last week at a press conference he called Montuoro a "damnable and contemptible liar." Under the 1978 Ethics in Government Act, a special prosecutor must be appointed if the Justice Department finds that allegations against a senior official are sufficiently specific.

The department said that Silverman would also look into testimony given by Donovan earlier this year at the congressional hearing into his nomination to the cabinet post. Allegations of illegal union payoffs by the Schiavone Construction Company were made at those hearings but Donovan denied any knowledge of such matters.

Donovan, who was a vice president of the Schiavone Company, asked for the special prosecutor to be appointed in an effort to clear his name. He has said he will remain in office while the investigation is being conducted.

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